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IN TODAY'S JERUSALEM POST

- This was the week we should have been on maximum alert, says Tel Aviv Police chief Gabi Last. Steve Rodan reports on the war against Hamas. Section B.
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- What will an Israeli withdrawal do to the Golan Druse? Abraham Rabinovich finds out how they view the prospects. Magazine.

Katyushas fall in W. Galilee

SEVERAL Katyusha rockets exploded in the Western Galilee late last night. The rockets apparently fell in open land and there were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage.

It is believed that the rocket attack was in response to the killing of seven Lebanese civilians north of the security zone by IDF and South Lebanese Army shelling over the past two days.

The death of the civilians may have been construed by Hizbullah as a breach of the understandings reached last summer that ended Operation Accountability.

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Jordanian border to open November 1

JORDAN and Israel will open their border for their nationals on November 1, five days after the signing of the peace treaty, a Jordanian official announced yesterday.

Marwan Mouasher, spokesman for the Jordanian delegation to the peace talks, said travelers will have to obtain visas through travel agents until diplomatic relations are established and embassies opened.

Under the draft peace treaty, Jordan and Israel initiated on Monday, diplomatic relations are to begin and embassies open by November 26.

Mouasher said Jordan will initially limit the number of Israelis allowed to visit Jordan to 550 a day - 300 through the northern crossing at the Sheikh Hussein Bridge, and 250 at the Arava crossing point. They will not be (Continued on Page 4)



A woman lights a candle at yesterday's memorial service in Tel Aviv for Wednesday's bus bombing victims. (Story, Page 2) (Reuter)

Nation mourns the victims of Tel Aviv bus attack

ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

THE entire nation seemed to be mourning yesterday, as 14 victims of Wednesday's Tel Aviv bus explosion were buried, and funerals and memorials for those killed in the blast were held across the country.

Twenty-one people were killed in the blast. (See box)

Of the 48 wounded, 18 are still in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital, three of them in serious condition. Two were treated for moderate wounds and the rest were described as lightly wounded.

In Tel Aviv, Mayor Ronni Milo laid wreaths and addressed the three funerals that took place in rapid succession yesterday in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery.

"We stand here sharing our terrible pain, tears and sorrow over this murderous act," Milo said at the funeral of 74-year-old Pinna Rapoport, before a sad and subdued crowd of her relatives and friends.

"We are all hurting, all of the citizens of Tel Aviv and all of the citizens of the country. This was a ruthless terrorist act. We swear (Continued on Page 4)

Names of the 21 victims

THE names of the 21 people who perished on the No. 5 bus were released yesterday.

- Haviv Tishbi, 57, Tel Aviv, buried in Kiryat Shaul cemetery.
- Moshe Gardinger, 83, Tel Aviv, buried in Kiryat Shaul cemetery.
- Pinna Rapoport, 74, Tel Aviv, buried in Kiryat Shaul cemetery.
- Galit Rozen, 23, Holon, buried in Holon cemetery.
- Ariel Zippori, 64, Tel Aviv, buried in Holon cemetery.
- David Lida, Tel Aviv, buried in Holon cemetery.
- Pua Yedgar, 56, Givatayim, buried in Yarkon cemetery.
- Dalia Ashkenazi, 62, Tel Aviv, buried in Yarkon cemetery.
- Esther Sharon, 21, Lod, buried in Ashkelon cemetery.
- Ofra Ben-Naim, 32, Lod, buried in Ramle cemetery.
- Tamar Sapir, 24, Moshav Zafarin, buried in the moshav cemetery.
- Shira Meroz, 20, Kibbutz Beit Hashita, buried in the kibbutz cemetery.
- Miriam Adaf, 44, Sderot, buried in Sderot cemetery.
- Anat Rozen, 20, Ra'anana, buried in Ra'anana cemetery.
- Salah Oadad, 52, Holon, to be buried today in Holon.
- Eliahu Wasserman, 66, Bat Yam, to be buried today in Holon.
- Alex Sharfstein, Holon, to be buried today in Holon.
- Dr. Pierre Atlas, 56, Kiryat Ono, to be buried today in Yarkon cemetery.
- Ella Volkov, 21, Safed, to be buried today in Safed.
- Ayelet Langer-Aikob, 26, Kibbutz Yiron, to be buried today in the kibbutz.
- Rinier Yurest, 23, a Dutch national.

Closure to continue until further notice

15,000 foreign workers to replace Palestinians

THE cabinet decided yesterday to extend the closure of the territories indefinitely, and pledged to bring in 15,000 more foreign workers to replace Palestinians, participants in the session said.

It was the first step in implementing the measures promised after Wednesday's bus bombing in Tel Aviv, which killed 21 people.

"The closure will continue until further notice, until security conditions permit it to be lifted," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid said.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat responded to the closure yesterday by saying, "These orders deprive our sons of their work... they are an attempt to make the Palestinian people kneel down." He was speaking in Gaza.

According to IDF figures, some 25,000 Palestinians enter Israel daily from Gaza, and another 35,000 from Judea and Samaria. Exceptions to the closure will be made for humanitarian reasons, such as going to the hospital.

No other announcement about the crackdown was forthcoming, but Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish said that "we spoke about a lot of operational issues, which are not part of a cabinet announcement. But these steps could be painful."

The cabinet, during its four-hour emergency session at the Defense Ministry, refrained from recommending new legislation, but ministers said existing military regulations give Prime Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin plenty of room to crack down on Hamas.

Metzger ministers and Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair led the opposition to new legislation, saying the government has ample

DAVID MAKOVSKY

powers without it. They insisted that any measures taken will remain under the scrutiny of the High Court of Justice.

Rabin is expected to begin renewing the demolition of the homes of suspected terrorist murderers, a practice used often during the first few years of the intifada.

"To the kidnappers, gunmen, and bombers: Israeli soldiers and security forces will get you sooner or later, and your fate will be a bitter one," Rabin said later, at an annual memorial ceremony for the fallen of the Armored Corps.

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"No enemy will defeat us. Just as we won all our wars against all enemies, we will achieve our aims - peace and security," he said.

After the cabinet meeting, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said, "It is clear what our answer should be: We will not stop the peace process. Today, as in the past, we have suffered serious attacks, and we will unite to overcome them. We will fight Hamas until we have destroyed it, and we will call upon Israelis to increase their awareness."

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Ehud Barak raised the possibility of extending administrative detention from six months to as long as 18 months at a time, according to a participant at the session. Rabin made it clear he would like to broaden the use of administrative detention to include anybody who belongs to Hamas.

Economics Minister Shimon Shetreet told reporters the cabinet

discussed extending police powers. "There was a discussion of aspects of the law. These included extending the period of administrative detention," he said.

The cabinet also agreed that the General Security Service should make a supplemental budgetary proposal to the Finance Ministry, suggesting what resources it would need to beef up its efforts to foil terrorist incidents before they occur.

Rabin will reportedly authorize a budget increase for the GSS, which is under the auspices of the Prime Minister's Office, in the next few days.

Additionally, the GSS will define new "important points of reference" concerning both individuals and groups in Hamas. It is also considering diverting manpower into departments directly involved in combating Hamas.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal told ETV's Erev Hadash that cabinet authorization is not needed if security officials want to apply greater physical force during interrogations. When there is an expectation of an imminent attack, he said, officials have extra powers.

He noted that the information that Sgt. Nahshon Wachman was being held in Bir Nabala was extracted from a Hamas operative during his interrogation.

Rabin was tight-lipped about Israeli-PLO cooperation in dealing with Hamas. He would only say that he talked to Arafat and asked him to "do a few things regarding past events."

There is speculation that he wants Arafat to extradite the terrorists who slashed throats of two elevator technicians in Ramle this summer. Israelis have spotted the killers in Gaza, though Arafat had said that they fled to Egypt.

Alon Pinkas contributed to this report.

Video points to Kalkilya man as Hamas perpetrator

SALAH Abdel Rahim Nazal Soowi, 27, a wanted Hamas activist from Kalkilya, took responsibility for the Tel Aviv bus bombing in a videotape released posthumously in Nablus yesterday.

Earlier, a caller speaking Arabic-accented English called The Jerusalem Post and gave the same name.

The IDF ordered all belongings cleared out of the Soowi family's home as rumors spread that soldiers planned to blow it up. However, the family has 48 hours to appeal to the High Court of

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Justice.

Disturbances erupted in the main street of Kalkilya towards evening. Youths burned tires, and soldiers threw stun grenades and imposed a curfew.

Clutching a Galil assault rifle in the videotape, Soowi said he was a martyr for Izzadin Kassam and was about to undertake a suicide action to avenge the deaths of three kidnappers of Sgt. Nahshon Wachman.

"The despicable [Yitzhak] Rabin and [Ehud] Barak said they had no choice but to kill the commandos who kept the prisoner soldier Nahshon Wachman alive until the last minute. They ignored all humanitarian requests to release our prisoners... So we also had no choice but to turn the whole Jewish people into hostages of fear and dread," Soowi said.

"We will continue our brave suicide operations. There are many young men who long to die for the sake of God."

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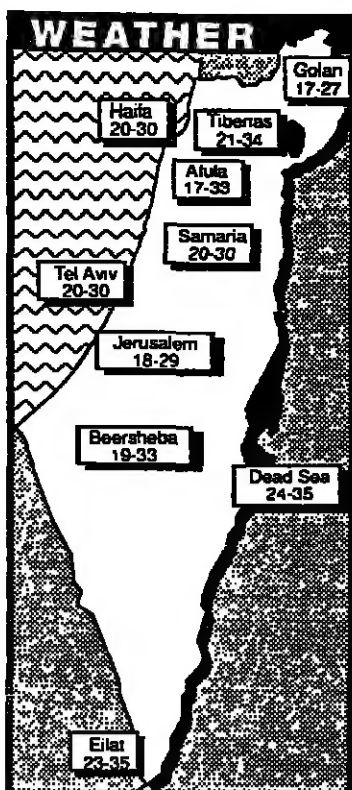
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Prayers, tears, and flowers on Dizengoff Street

ROWS of memorial candles illuminated the corner of Dizengoff and Esther Hamakka streets in Tel Aviv yesterday evening, and the sounds of men chanting *Kaddish* hummed under the noise of passing traffic.

The prayer was part of a sun-down memorial service at the site of Wednesday morning's bus bombing.

Haredim prayed alongside young men with ponytails and earrings: passersby spontaneously joined in, holding their hands on top of their heads in the absence of kippot. At the close of the prayers, 21 candles, representing the victims of the tragedy, were passed throughout the crowd and held aloft.

Throughout the day, hundreds stood vigil in front of the shattered glass of the storefronts and offices. There were those who had made a special pilgrimage and those who were simply stopped while passing by, to lay a bunch of flowers or say a prayer and light a candle in memory of those who lost their lives.

"Shocked and shedding tears," read a handwritten sign, placed above wreaths and flowers left by passersby and those who came to express their condolences.

A Filipino placed a small bunch of flowers at the site - "God bless you all," he wrote on a scrap of notepaper.

Yaniv Cohen, 23, from Kiryat Malachi, had made the trip to light a candle. "When I saw the pictures on television, I cried and cried," he said. "It's horrible and sad."

Next to him, Rivka Haim, a senior citizen from Tel Aviv, carefully lit a candle as tears streamed down her face.

"I had to come down here and take part," she said. "It gives me

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the feeling that I am doing something to honor their memory."

There were far more grim faces than on a typical day in the bustling district, and far fewer smiles.

Roni Bartlett, a shopowner who came to participate in the memorial service, said there was an air of "depression" infecting both the workers and the patrons of local businesses.

"There are fewer people in my store; there were fewer people in the restaurant where I eat lunch. I don't think it's just in this neighborhood, either. I think the whole country is depressed from the accumulation of events. First the Nahshon Wachsmann kidnapping, then this. I think it's taking its toll."

The Tivoli restaurant, right next to the site of the explosion, was still closed yesterday. Volunteers from the local burial society were still busy scrubbing bloodstains and human flesh from tables and floors at 3 p.m.

Many of the people who flocked to the site during the day had plenty to say about the bombing and how it might have been prevented.

David Azoulay, 26, accused Israelis of being too lazy to work on building sites.

"I've been working in construction since I left the army," he said, waiving his salary slip. "I got a decent wage - NIS 3,000 - NIS 4,000. But I've been unemployed for the past three months because contractors prefer to employ Arabs, so they don't have to pay them social benefits."

Tal Sharfi, the son of a contractor, said his father prefers to employ Arabs from the territories because he pays them less.

"And anyway, Jews still don't want to do hard physical labor," he said.

"Months ago we warned Rabin that Yesha is here. In Tel Aviv, Now Palestine has come to Dizengoff St." Bat-Chen Sela shouted angrily. "Yesterday's bloodbath is Rabin's responsibility."

Tel Aviv resident Salik Romanovsky disagreed.

"We have to teach our children to live side by side with Arabs," he said. "We have to eradicate this hatred between us."

He was shouted down by scores of opponents.

"Bleeding hearted liberal! Where are you living?" retorted another man. "We have to kill Hamas and build an electric fence around Gaza. We shouldn't have to see one single Arab from the territories here. Let them stew in their own juices in Gaza."

Across the street, the burial society found the remains of a human liver and intestines on the roof of a boutique whose window was completely shattered by the blast.

No one was buying the high-fashion clothes on display.

Next door, at Ben and Jerry's, a middle-aged man was eating a butterscotch ice-cream.

"He's our first customer since we reopened," said Ronni, a salesgirl.

At around 3 p.m. convoys of cars bearing tearful relatives and friends of the bereaved passed, as they wound their way to funerals in Kiryat Shaul. Passersby burst into tears.

The No. 5 bus was packed as usual. But passengers were subdued and taciturn.

"It's a sad day," said one woman. "But life goes on. What are we supposed to do - stop taking the bus?"



Bus bomber Salah Soowi is seen holding a Gafil rifle in the tape released by Hamas in Nablus yesterday.

(Khaled Zghari)

Suspected bomber's father: 'It's not good to attack civilians'

JON IMMANUEL

ABDEL-RAHIM Hussein Soowi, a Kalkiya municipal cleaner, said he heard of his son's involvement in the Tel Aviv bus bombing as he was leaving the local mosque following afternoon prayers.

"I last saw him seven months ago after security agents came to the house and said to us that we must hand him in. Then he fled and we did not hear from him," Soowi said.

One of nine brothers and sisters, Salah Abdel Rahim Nazal Soowi, the self-proclaimed terrorist, said on tape that a brother Hussein, 15, died from a bullet in

the neck during a clash with soldiers in 1988.

His father said he had studied for two years at the Islamic college in Kalkiya, then worked in the fields. "Six times he was arrested for several weeks at a time, and spent two years altogether in the Naqab (Ketzio), Megiddo and Tulkarm prisons," he said.

"Naturally, it is not good to attack civilians. Islam does not support it," he said of his son's action.

Asked if he had anything to say

to the victims' families, he wished them "Divine mercy."

Soowi complained that without informing him, the Civil Administration had ordered the municipality to cut electricity and water to his home. "This is not democratic," he said.

Six Israeli human rights groups dealing with Palestinian issues warned the government not to lose sight of human rights in seeking punishment for the perpetrators, either through house demolitions, curfews, closures, or relaxing open-fire and interrogation guidelines.

PA believed unlikely to crack down on Hamas in response to bombing

LAMIA LAHOUD and news agencies

PLO officials say the Palestinian Authority in Gaza has no intention of cracking down on Hamas in response to the Tel Aviv bus bombing.

"The Palestinian Authority wants peace with Israel but peace inside the Palestinian house is more important. The authority is responsible only for the areas it controls," said Sufyan Abu Zeid, a key leader of PLO chief Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction in Gaza.

"We reject the assessment that we must choose (between Hamas and Israel). There is no reason to make large arrests or take actions when there is no proven connection to Gaza," Abu Zeid said.

But a member of the Palestinian Preventive Security Service in Jericho told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Palestinian Authority will take action against those Hamas activists in Gaza and Jericho who are preparing terror actions against Israelis.

He said that now was the time to start disarming Hamas activists and other armed elements in the autonomous areas.

"There is only one Palestinian Authority. We cannot tolerate that Hamas creates an authority within the authority, and endangers the peace agreement," he said.

Riad El Malki, an engineering professor from Bir Zeit University and spokesman for the rejectionist

Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, said that most Palestinians were shocked and outraged by the magnitude of Tuesday's attack and the pictures of the victims shown on Israeli television.

He said this kind of attack may eventually turn the public against Hamas. "For the first time, people looked at the situation rationally and judged the situation by the effect it will have on them," he said.

However, the closure of the territories may change that attitude again. The economic pressures created by the closure will increase frustration among the population, he said.

El Malki said that a confrontation between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas was inevitable. "Yasser Arafat has a historic opportunity to crush Hamas's influence in Gaza. Hamas is provoking [things] and public opinion is beginning to turn against them. Israel is pushing him to confront Hamas, and the international community is giving him the green light to do so," he said.

El Malki believes that Arafat will start disarming Hamas activists, if necessary by force. He said the Palestinian Authority will try to divide Hamas into a political party which they will invite to run for elections and an outlawed military wing which the authority will try to crush.

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Shahal suggests steps to improve internal security

RAINE MARCUS

IMPROVED security methods and increased forces at borders with the territories, an additional 1500 policemen, more severe punishments for terrorists and intensified GSS investigations of Hamas members were among suggestions made by Police Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday to combat the deteriorating internal security situation.

"Regular soldiers should also be enlisted into the police force, and additional police should be deployed at checkpoints as reinforcements," said Shahal, speaking at a Knesset Internal Affairs Committee meeting yesterday, held in the Tel Aviv Municipality building.

He is also examining the possibility of including fingerprints on authorization certificates issued to Arabs from the territories allowing them to work here.

The government has sealed off the territories indefinitely, but there are some 162 ways of enter-

ing Israel illegally, without passing IDF and police checkpoints, said Shahal.

Although police and security forces were warned of impending terror attacks by suicide bombers, they had not received concrete information about specific attacks, said Shahal.

"We are witnessing an escalation in suicide bombers and of booby-trapped vehicles," said Shahal, who returned from the US late Wednesday because of the attack. Two intended attacks in Gilboa and Beersheba were prevented by police recently when pipe bombs were discovered.

He also encouraged intensive investigations by GSS agents using methods permitted by the Landau report which allows "moderate physical pressure," "as long as this is within the law. These methods are permitted in the event of immediate danger," he said.

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Israeli Arab leaders call for restraint

DAVID RUDGE

ISRAELI Arab leaders yesterday called for calm and restraint in the wake of the Tel Aviv bus attack.

"We urge Jewish members of the public not to do anything against Israeli Arabs who are themselves innocent," said Hussein Suleiman, spokesman for the national monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership.

The committee issued a statement categorically denouncing the bus attack and the loss of innocent lives. The announcement said the entire Arab community in the country expressed condolences to the bereaved families and wished the wounded a speedy recovery.

"We condemn the cold-blooded murder of innocent Israeli citizens and see attacks of this kind as a provocation against the peace process," said Suleiman.

The whole aim of Hamas is to try and destroy the peace process, something we completely and utterly oppose.

The statement called on the government not to allow the attack to delay or defer the peace process in any way because this would be playing into the hands of the perpetrators.

Similar comments condemning the attack and the perpetrators were issued by leaders of the fundamentalist Israeli Arab Islamic Movement, which is reported to have ties with Hamas on religious, social and welfare levels.

"All of the Arab community denounces such murderous deeds. If PLO chairman Yasser Arafat wants to promote autonomy and a stable form of government, he cannot allow any other military organizations alongside the Palestinian Police.

"If he allows such organizations to exist and even grow, they will eventually take over and destroy everything he is trying to establish," Suleiman added.

"In order to ensure the safety and well-being of the Arab people in Gaza and the West Bank, the Hamas political leadership cannot allow people like the Izzadin Kasam to operate. We also call on the Hamas leadership to crack down on those responsible for such deeds and destroy them because... these acts are simply aimed at destroying the chances of peace," he added.

Weizman: Solution must be found to wave of terror attacks

THE security forces cannot tell the public there is no solution to the current wave of terrorism, President Ezer Weizman said yesterday.

"We are facing a complicated situation today. We must find a solution and we cannot tell the people there is no solution. I am sure the security forces feel the same way.

"We do not have to say what the solution is right now, but we must find it and give people the feeling they can get on the No. 5 bus and the No. 405 bus to Jerusalem and that one can live here. We have to start to teach ourselves not only how not to die here, but how to live," Weizman told journalists during a Haifa memorial marking 27 years since the sinking of the destroyer Eilat off Port Said.

"History is tonying with us, and it has apparently been decreed that we go from joyous event to joyous event, from mourning to mourning. And today the Israeli people are mourning, hurting, and angry about what happened in Tel Aviv, and they are wondering and asking."

The ceremony, which paid tribute to the 47 sailors who died on the Eilat, was held on a ferry opposite the western breakwater in Haifa port, where the ship used to dock. Participants included the sailors' families, those who were rescued from the ship, and Navy commander Maj.-Gen. Ami Ayalon.

The ferry later traveled to the spot where the Egyptians sank the Eilat, where a memorial ceremony was to be held at the approximate time of its sinking. (Itim)

Iran: Attack proves Israel is vulnerable

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran said yesterday that the deadly Tel Aviv bombing proved Israel is unable to maintain its own security and is vulnerable.

Teheran radio referred specifically to last week's abduction of Sgt. Nahshon Wachman, who was killed Friday in a rescue attempt by IDF soldiers, and the bus bombing Wednesday in which at least 21 people perished and 48 were wounded.

"These two events, it said, again exposed the truths which the American-sponsored peace process has been trying to cover up."



A relative attempts to console the grief-stricken widow of terror victim Haviv Tishbi at his funeral in Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul cemetery yesterday. (Aloa Ron/Israel Sun)

Tabloids compete in showing carnage

LIAT COLLINS

"HORROR" was Ma'ariv's one-word, front-page headline yesterday. It appeared above a picture of rescuers trying to extricate bodies and victims of the bus bomb.

The caption explained that it was taken by the first photographer on the scene, "who shot through the smoke of the blast, a minute after the explosion."

Yedioth Aharonot carried a huge color photo of the wreckage and a clearly identifiable corpse under the headline: "The country in shock and anger."

Both papers carried special sections with pictures of bodies, bloodied survivors and limbs. A Ma'ariv picture showed a woman whose leg had been blown off.

"It's an emotional response. This isn't an attempt to convey information. The television has already done that. These are pictures in the form of headlines," said veteran media watcher and journalist Michael Dak.

"They are unprecedented pictures. I don't remember such gruesome and explicit photos before in the Hebrew press," said journalist and communications lecturer Yehiel Limor.

Both had the same explanation for the pictures: competition. "The newspaper wars and the competition with television have led to a situation in which everything drops to the lowest level, more blood, guts and limbs, in a war for the readers' attention," said Dak.

Both The Jerusalem Post and Ha'aretz also broke their tradition of not publishing pictures of bodies, showing the same color photo of the wrecked bus and two victims who had been thrown out by the blast.

"I don't know where this will lead. With each disaster, the pictures will have to become more ghastly in order to attract attention," Dak said. He suggested that Ma'ariv was trying to compensate for missing photographs of the Nahal Shiva attack last week and the fact that its major rival Yedioth Aharonot had published a special edition on the Tel Aviv bomb on Wednesday morning.

The man-in-the street, however, seemed less concerned about the photos. "It's nothing we didn't see on television," said a grocer. A

customer agreed, adding: "It's better to show the picture and see what really happened than pretending it didn't look so bad."

Several complaints, however, reached the Second Channel for broadcasting commercials Wednesday night. In response, Second Television and Radio Authority Director-General Nahman Shai said: "These difficult days are part of our reality and with great pain we decided to continue [with commercials]. Just as newspapers didn't stop publishing advertisements, we also continued."

"It is a commercial station dependent entirely on this income. As director-general I don't have the right to demand that the franchise holders abstain from advertisements. Anyway, what authority has the right to decide that commercials be stopped for 20 victims but not for two victims?"

"I bet people were still phoning to express their fears and to seek reassurance. Many were mothers who told of their children waking with nightmares during the night," said Ashkenazi. "and that they

How to make buses safer

HAIM SHAPIRO

ALTHOUGH buses are a relatively easy and tempting target for terrorists, there are many steps which could be taken to improve security, according to Eviatar Reiter, who is writing a combined MA and PhD thesis on security in public transportation.

Since 1947, he said, there have been 40 attacks on buses, with 230 people killed and 518 wounded. Since the beginning of 1993, he noted, there have been 15 serious bus attacks.

Buses have also been attacked in South America, England, the US, Japan, and Germany. Nowhere, he said, has anyone come up with an effective way to prevent them. There are also virtually no serious published studies of the problem.

Reiter said that terrorists attack buses because there are few security precautions surrounding their use, and they are widely used by the public. A total of 1.6 million people ride buses daily, he said. Thus, there are many potential victims, and they are crowded into a relatively small area.

Buses are also easy to enter and hard to leave, and often travel along roads which are sometimes dark and go through hostile

areas. Terrorists, he said, can easily learn the routes and schedules of the buses. Because of the anonymity of the passengers, buses are easy to board, and terrorists can choose their target — soldiers or civilians, adults or children, local residents or tourists.

However, he stressed that while it is impossible to eliminate bus attacks altogether, it is possible to minimize their effectiveness.

"It is a periodic problem and we can deal with it," he said.

Reiter proposed that drivers and special bus security guards should be authorized to conduct body searches of passengers and of luggage in baggage compartments. Each bus should have an emergency call button and a radio. Those who plan the bus routes should re-evaluate those which pass through hostile areas.

To make it easier for passengers to get out, Reiter suggested adding an emergency exit on the left side of the bus, enlarging the rear window, and putting an exit on the floor in buses which are high off the ground. The doors themselves should be bigger, with those on inter-urban routes the same size as

those in intracity buses. The doors should all open out, to make it impossible for terrorists to force their way in.

To reduce the danger of fire, he said, another fire extinguisher should be added to the current two, there should be protective armor around gas tanks, and sprinklers should be installed in the second story of double-decker buses. The driver should have a switch which would automatically disconnect the gas tank and the electric system.

To get a public transport license, Reiter said, drivers should have to pass a special security course, with yearly refresher courses. The present six-hour course given to Egged drivers is insufficient, he added. The drivers' windows should also be bullet-proof glass.

Stressing that these are only some of his conclusions, Reiter said he intends to submit all his suggestions to the Transport Ministry and Egged and Dan.

Reiter added that despite the apparent danger, you do not take your life in your hands every time you get on a bus.

"When seen in proper proportion, the danger is not so great," he said.

Calls to emergency center tapering off

HELEN KAYE

ONLY three social workers manned the information center in Tel Aviv's City Hall yesterday afternoon. No other people were there, and the phones rang only occasionally, though more people called in the evening.

This was a stark contrast to Wednesday, when frantic relatives besieged the counters and the phones were ringing nonstop as people tried to find out what had happened to friends and loved ones.

A municipal staffer said that there had been some 1,600 calls in the first 24 hours.

"I'd say we've had about 100 calls an hour today," said Tami Ashkenazi. "Many people called to find out whether people they know are among the dead or wounded."

"No one has come in that we know of," said Riki Rotter. "It's all been telephone calls. We've had quite a lot of people calling from overseas to find out about relatives."

"But people were still phoning to express their fears and to seek reassurance. Many were mothers who told of their children waking with nightmares during the night," said Ashkenazi. "and that they

were afraid to leave the house or get on a bus. While we talked with the mothers, it often came out that they were afraid too and didn't know how to cope with the situation."

Over and over, said the social workers, they emphasized to callers who were afraid or anxious that they were reacting normally, that everybody shared their feelings. They handled most of the calls, but some they transferred to a psychologist or arranged for a home visit by a social worker from one of the city's area offices.

One woman who said she was 60 and lived alone called the city's psychological services and said she'd been shaking and crying all day. A psychologist told her "yesterday people were crying in the street. Didn't you see that on TV? But some people react later, even the next day like you did. It's perfectly normal."

"It hurts you as it hurts all of us. Normal routine does help, but it is a kind of mourning you're experiencing, so don't be ashamed to grieve."

The psychological services are at (03) 5465338 or 6049700 until 1 p.m. today. The information center is (03) 5234402.

Liba'i: No need to change law on GSS

THERE is no need to change the current law touching on the activities of the General Security Service, Justice Minister David Liba'i said after yesterday's cabinet meeting.

He said the need for any change was obviated by the Emergency Defense Regulations of 1945, which are still on the books and were specifically formulated to deal with situations like the current one.

There is also a specific exception to the rules of GSS behavior set down by the Landau Commission, he added, enabling investigators to act efficiently in cases of a "ticking time bomb."

Should there prove to be a need for changes, he said, they should not be made in haste or under pressure from terrorism.

Former justice minister Dan Meridor also dealt with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's criticism of the Landau Commission, saying that "Rabin is looking in the wrong place for someone to blame for Wednesday's bus bombing, and has unjustly decided on the justice system."

(Itim)



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Israel to launch worldwide campaign to cut funding for Hamas from US, Britain

DAVID MAKOVSKY, MARYLIN HENRY and news agencies

ISRAEL will launch an international campaign to ensure that funding for Hamas stops coming from supporters living in the US and Britain, apart from the Iranian government. Police Minister Moshe Shahal said at yesterday's cabinet meeting.

The minister said that the center in the US for Hamas fundraising was Chicago and Texas. US Attorney General Janet Reno said yesterday the FBI has been in contact with Israel over private American funding for Hamas since it claimed responsibility for the deadly bomb blast in Tel Aviv.

Reno was asked if the FBI had stepped up its efforts to investi-

gate whether Hamas was raising funds in the US after Wednesday's bombing.

"We have continued to take all steps possible and appropriate under our law, to take... action to prevent violence and terrorism and to address what steps can be taken in the investigation of any such effort here in the United States," she said.

In the past, US law enforcement agencies have kept an eye on groups of Hamas supporters in northern Virginia, Dallas, the Detroit and Chicago areas and in Tucson, Ariz. But they have distinguished between raising mon-

ey for the group's political, social and religious activities and its military wing.

Meanwhile, PLO chief Yasser Arafat said the attackers took their orders from abroad, a Turkish television channel reported yesterday.

"I'm against attacks against innocent civilians... these are parts of plots organized outside, because they are taking orders from abroad."

"Their training is conducted and financed abroad," Arafat was quoted as saying in an interview with the private Kanal-6 television on Wednesday at his

headquarters in the Gaza Strip after the bomb blast.

Yesterday in New York, a revised federal indictment said that El Sayid Nosair, who was acquitted in a state court for the 1990 murder of Meir Kahane, "played a key role" in developing a "jihad organization" in the US.

Nosair also organized paramilitary training and planned acts of terror, says the indictment, which was reported in *The New York Times*.

The court papers, filed earlier this week, come about six weeks before Nosair and Sheikh Omar

Abdel Rahman are to be tried on terror and conspiracy charges. Their case is related to the February 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, in which four men have been convicted, the *Times* reported.

The government contends that Nosair and Abdel Rahman plotted to bomb the United Nations and to kill public figures, including Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, and Dov Hikind, a New York state legislator and a leader of the Orthodox community. An earlier version of the indictment charges Nosair with a racketeering conspiracy that includes plotting and committing Kahane's murder.

Five Lebanese killed by IDF/SLA shelling

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

FIVE people, including an off-duty Lebanese army sergeant, were killed in IDF and South Lebanese Army shelling of Nabatiya north of the security zone late on Wednesday night, according to news agency and Lebanese radio reports.

Lebanese government officials condemned what they described as the massacre of innocent people which came only a few hours after two women were killed elsewhere in the region by SLA shelling.

President Elias Hrawi and Prime Minister Rafik Hariri issued separate statements branding the bombardment outright aggression and insisting Israel withdraw from the security zone.

The two incidents sparked a series of attacks by Hizbullah against IDF and SLA targets in the zone yesterday, leading to several exchanges. There were no casualties among any of the IDF or SLA soldiers.

The reports from Lebanon said IDF and SLA gunners fired several artillery rounds at Fakwa, on the outskirts of Nabatiya late on Wednesday night.

One or more of the shells struck a house occupied by two families,

killing four people including the Lebanese army sergeant and a 14-year-old boy, and wounding five others, one of whom later died of his wounds.

According to sources in the security zone, IDF troops on operational duties in the eastern sector of the zone had spotted a terrorist squad moving along a trail used in the past for infiltrating the zone.

The troops opened fire on the infiltrators and forced them to flee. There was no mention, however, of any shells hitting a house in the area.

Earlier on Wednesday, SLA troops had retaliated for an abortive roadside bomb attack against a patrol near Kfar Falus, in the Jezzine enclave north of the zone, by firing at suspected terrorist targets.

Shells fell in olive groves near Berti village, east of Sidon, killing two women who had been picking olives there, according to the reports.

Hizbullah announced that in retaliation for the killing of the seven Lebanese it attacked IDF and SLA positions in eastern and central parts of the zone yesterday. IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

Rabin discusses Arrow with senior US general

ALON PINKAS

PRIME Minister and Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday met with Gen. Malcolm O'Neill, the head of the US Ballistic Missile Defense Office (BMDO), the Pentagon's successor organ to the Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars).

A Defense Ministry statement said that the two had discussed the continuation of the Arrow anti-missile missile program, which is entering its next stage of development, and the prospects for future US financing of the costly research and development phases.

The US has financed 72 percent of the Arrow project's first two

phases - a total of \$461 million - through August 1994. Current estimates put the total cost of the research and development stages at over \$1.2 billion.

O'Neill briefed Rabin on the US development of the THAAD (Theater High Altitude Area Defense) a comparable, less expensive, but also less sophisticated anti-missile system, which the US military is expected to acquire.

Rabin stressed that he has a personal interest in continued cooperation on the Arrow, since he, as defense minister in 1988, signed the initial agreement on joint research and development.



Ministers (left to right) Yossi Sarid, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Micha Harish and Ya'acov Tsur speak to the press after yesterday's special cabinet meeting in Tel Aviv. (Gideon Markovitch/PPA)

Disabled woman pressing to serve in IDF

JUDY SIEGEL

THE IDF has said no, but M. - a highly intelligent, 20-year-old Jerusalemite with a severe disability - won't take no for an answer. She plans to appeal the army's rejection two weeks ago of her offer to volunteer for military service.

M. was born with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita, a disease involving inadequate growth of the muscles that move the joints, and the breakdown of nerves that supply those muscles. Her arms, hands, legs and feet are severely deformed. Nevertheless, she zips around Alyn Orthopedic Hospital - where she has lived for 10 years - on an electric wheelchair that she steers with her toes pushing a joystick.

Despite her severe disability, M. went to a regular kindergarten and elementary school, and graduated with honors from the Rene Cassin High School. She speaks fluent English and passed her matriculation exams with high scores.

"The school faculty and pupils went out of their way to help me; other schools regard the handicapped as a burden," M. said. "And the Alyn hospital staff are wonderful and caring."

In her final year at Rene Cassin, all her classmates were busy preparing for army service. "I wanted to serve like them; I don't expect to save the world, but being in the army is the Israeli thing to do, and it affects one's life afterwards," she said.

A year ago, M. applied to serve as a volunteer. She took a battery of medical and psychometric tests and passed them all. The commander of an air force unit

in Jerusalem, she says, agreed to accept her as a clerk on two conditions: that Alyn's van transport her to and from work and that the IDF need not install any special equipment to make her work possible.

"Alyn agreed to provide daily transportation, and I don't need any special equipment," M. insisted. "I worked for eight years as a switchboard operator at Alyn, where the phone traffic is hectic; I dealt with all calls and messages using my foot. I have used a computer the same way, for years."

Although the air force commander agreed to accept her, the IDF manpower division informed her in a one-sentence message that she could not serve.

"They apparently don't want to take responsibility for me, even though my disease is static. I'm no genius, but I'm more intelligent than many people the IDF accepts because they have legs to walk on. I can't walk, but I can at least serve as a clerk. I see the IDF as a way of contributing and developing further."

An Alyn lawyer, Mark Sherman, this week sent a letter on M.'s behalf to Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair, head of the IDF's Manpower Branch, to appeal the decision, as well as to a cabinet minister and MKs.

"We are speaking not of an 'unfortunate' or of 'doing charity,' M. is a special young woman, intelligent, highly motivated and impressively capable," Sherman said.

No reaction was available from the IDF Spokesman last night.

HAMAS

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Some 20 kg. of TNT were used by Suwli, Police Inspector-General Assaf Hefetz said yesterday. Bomb squad experts said they are still examining whether the explosives were strapped to his body or carried in a bag.

Examinations revealed that the terrorist stood up when he detonated the bomb, to intensify the force of the blast, said Hefetz.

A passenger who got off the bus just one stop before the bomb exploded said the man in the video was not the same man who aroused her suspicions on the bus.

"The man I saw was not swarthy, but pale-skinned," she said on ETV's *Erev Hadash*. "I didn't notice he was an Arab. He didn't speak with an Arab accent; he looked and sounded Israeli."

Hania Vidur was tense and on the brink of tears as she recalled how she narrowly escaped death.

"It was only in retrospect, when police questioned me, that I remembered certain details," she said. "He was clutching a bag and warned me once or twice not to touch him or tread on him."

"I sat next to a young girl. I had to pass her to get off the bus. It's hard to believe that I'm still alive, and she didn't make it."

Police theorized that the terrorist probably got on the bus somewhere after the central bus station. "There are too many police and security officers at the central bus station," said a senior officer.

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Lash said that since the bombing, police and Civil Guard volunteers have examined about 1,000 buses in the area. Police usually search about 500 buses a day, but the searches will now be intensified.

There were no reprisal attacks against Arabs in Tel Aviv, Lash said, and praised the city's residents for their restraint.

Hefetz reiterated the need for increased alert by the public and especially by bus drivers.

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not to forgive or to forget the crime."

Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Haim David Halevi declared that "these deaths are more painful than all of the losses the Jewish people suffered while in exile. Here, they are trying to flush us out of our homeland. But we will stay in this land, despite everything."

Rapoport had been traveling on the No. 5 bus on her way to register for courses at the Open University. Just days earlier, Rapoport had marked a year since the passing of her husband, Shmuel. She was a Holocaust survivor who immigrated from Germany in 1950.

"She was very active, very alive," said Jeremy Lawrence, one of her relatives. "She was one of those people, who, when you wished them 'until 120,' you believed they just might make it."

Raine Marcus contributed to this report.

MOURNS

Moshe Gardinger, 83, was laid to rest just minutes earlier. Gardinger came from Romania in 1945, a member of a wealthy Romanian family and a graduate of the London School of Economics. He had a successful career in sales and marketing, and worked continuously until his death.

The family of Haviv Tishbi cried and wailed in anguish as the 57-year-old flower-shop owner was buried in Kiryat Shaul, Tishbi, the son of Persian merchants, was a veteran of all of Israel's wars, and had been active in helping smuggle Jews out of Iran.

For the past 25 years, Tishbi had traveled each morning on bus No. 5 to open his flower store on Dizengoff Street. His relatives said that Tishbi was a true patriot and a deeply devoted father and husband.

Raine Marcus contributed to this report.

JORDAN

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were initiated yesterday by the heads of the countries' border committees.

M. Kochonovsky, who headed the Israeli committee, said that the farmers in the areas of Tsofar and Naharayim will not be affected in any practical way by the border changes, and could carry on as usual.

After the final details of the treaty were wrapped up, Jordanian and Israeli negotiators warmly shook hands, hugged and kissed each other as they said good-bye.

SHAHAL

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MK Rabbi Avraham Verdiger (United Torah Judaism) criticized the government for calling Wednesday's attack "killings."

"When Arabs are concerned, as in Machpela Cave, the government calls it a massacre," he said. "But Israelis are simply 'killed.'"

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Editorial

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N. Ireland minister quits in corruption scandal

LONDON (AP) — A government deputy minister resigned yesterday after being accused of taking money to plant questions in Parliament, facing the government with a new corruption scandal.

Northern Ireland Minister Tim Smith, who quit, was accused with Trade and Industry Minister Neil Hamilton of being paid \$3,220 a question by the Egyptian-born owner of Harrods store.

Prime Minister John Major, amid jeers from opposition MPs, told the House of Commons: "I am determined to see the highest possible standards in public life."

In a resignation letter to Major, Smith acknowledged he did not fully declare his "interests" with Harrods owner Mohamed Al-Fayed. "I offer you my profound apologies," Smith added.

Major replied that Smith's action "was clearly wrong."

The questions were asked between 1987 and 1989 when Al-Fayed and his brothers were in fierce dispute with Roland "Tiny" Rowland, head of the British conglomerate Lomro, for ownership of the famous London store.

Two other Conservative legislators are also being investigated on separate allegations of being prepared to take cash for questions.

Opposition legislators clamored for a public investigation.

The Guardian quoted Al-Fayed as saying he paid thousands of pounds after Greer advised him, "You need to rent an MP like you rent a London taxi."

39 killed in attack on Indian bus

NEW DELHI (AP) — Tribesmen embroiled in a bitter turf war killed 39 passengers by locking their bus and pushing it into a gorge, police said yesterday.

"It was the most bizarre case of mass murder," Director General of Police Srinath Mishra said of Wednesday's incident in remote Manipur state in northeast India.

The long-simmering feud between Naga and Kuki tribesmen has left 300 civilians dead in the past year.

The unrest is straining the federal security forces, which have recently managed to control four other insurgencies for separate nations in the states of Assam, Tripura and Mizoram.

Mishra said seven Kuki militants stopped the bus with 52 passengers to Gangang from the capital Imphal, about 2,000 km. east of New Delhi.

The attackers kept members of the rival Naga tribe aboard and allowed all other passengers off before sending it into the gorge, said Mishra.

The attack was in retaliation for the deaths of two Kukis who were dragged out of a bus and killed by Naga militants, Mishra said.

Most victims in the tribal feud have been Kuki villagers targeted by Nagas, who have superior weapons and a centuries-old martial tradition that includes headhunting by their forefathers.

Mishra said he has alerted police to prevent more violence. "The situation is extremely tense, and being a hilly state it is often very difficult for us to police all the areas."



Two trucks holding the remains of Estonians killed in last month's ferry disaster, roll off a cargo ferry in Tallinn yesterday during a sea-front ceremony.

UN: Serb commander to blame for blockade

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — The UN blamed Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) commander General Ratko Mladic yesterday for a fuel blockade which is threatening peacekeeping operations in Sarajevo and eastern Bosnia.

As UN special envoy Yasushi Akashi prepared to tackle Bosnian Serb leaders on the fuel crisis, peacekeepers' spokesman Thant Myint-U said:

"We understand General Mladic himself has ordered that fuel convoys not be allowed through. The fuel situation remains critical. We cannot fulfill any of our tasks if we don't have the fuel to move."

Mladic, a bellicose nationalist, is the driving force behind the BSA's dominance in Bosnia and a veteran of confrontations with the peacekeepers.

The United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) said it would take unspecified but "extremely strong" action against Serbs if refueling convoys continued to be obstructed.

Peacekeepers said their stocks of fuel in the capital and three UN protected Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia were down to a matter of days.

Serbs blocked three more fuel convoys yesterday, leaving UN commanders helpless and fuming with impatience.

Although professional European troops form the backbone of UN forces in Bosnia, UNPROFOR goes to almost any lengths to avoid conflict with Mladic's ill-disciplined conscript army.

Akashi indicated there would be policy change over the fuel blockade when he said he would not allow media criticism to push him into using ill-considered force.

He told reporters Zagreb that differences between the UN and NATO over air strikes in Bosnia were exaggerated.

Aristide condemns Haiti violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Random violence has increased the pressure on President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to quickly assemble a government and regain control of Haiti, which has been under virtual US stewardship since Sept. 19.

At his first news conference since his return, Aristide blamed his right-wing foes for the violence, saying, "There is a campaign of manipulation aiming to tarnish the image of the government."

He added: "We condemn all types of violence, vengeance and plundering."

Hours later, a stick-waving mob threatened to attack the home of Joseph Nerette, who was Haiti's provisional president immediately following the coup, for the second time in a week. US soldiers responded to Nerette's call and provided security.

An angry crowd yesterday threatened to attack the local Red Cross, demanding it hand out emergency food stocks, but dispersed after director Dr. William Fougere refused.

The violence follows other incidents earlier this week — the most notable taking place Monday, when the interim army chief's home and 14 other buildings were torched in the coastal town of Gonaives.

At the news conference, Aristide said he was "still consulting" on his appointments for prime minister and other key posts. The Constitution requires the president to confer with Parliament leaders before naming a replacement for caretaker Prime Minister Robert Malval.

Aristide's choices of cronies and controversial figures for key posts got him in trouble last time he was at the helm here.

Rene Preval, his original prime minister and a like-minded populist, was a left-leaning baker with little experience in politics. Justice Minister Bayard Vincent was a self-proclaimed former Macoute, the terrorist squad of the Duvalier era, while Foreign Affairs Minister Denise Jean-Louis, an anesthesiologist, was a close Aristide friend with no political experience.

On Wednesday, Aristide said he intended to assemble a cabinet encompassing all classes, a difficult task in a largely impoverished society that has been dominated by a small elite since independence from France in 1804.

Fists fly in Italian parliament

ROME (Reuters) — Parliamentarians fought with their fists and their feet in Italy's Chamber of Deputies yesterday during a riotous debate on public broadcasting's future.

One deputy said he was knocked out during the brawl when more than 30 politicians and ushers rushed on to the floor of the chamber either to join in the battle or try to break it up.

The mayhem erupted when several members from government benches left their seats and stormed towards the opposition.

Flock-coated stewards were unable to stop several members from reaching the floor, where they grappled and traded punches and shoves before speaker Irene Pivetti suspended the session.

"The blackshirts are back," said opposition politician Antonietta Rizza, referring to wartime fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's army of street thugs.

National Alliance members said they were provoked by what they said were slanderous comments by Mauro Pissani, a member of the leftist Progressives group.

"What happened was a normal response to a provocation," said Francesco Storace, an Alliance member who was in the thick of the brawl.

Anti-Saddam group claims it planted Baghdad bomb

BEIRUT (Reuters) — An Iraqi Islamic opposition group yesterday claimed responsibility for a day after the bombing of the Ministry of Religious Affairs in Baghdad, saying the target was a secret police office within the ministry.

The Islamic Iraqi Vanguard for National Salvation said in a statement issued in Beirut it planted the bomb in "the Research Administration of the Directorate of General Security."

The typewritten statement in Arabic said the Directorate has its offices inside the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

Iraq's National News Agency (INA) said the bomb exploded at a prayer room in the ministry, killing a senior civil servant and seriously injuring five people.

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Kahanism and pragmatism

HAVING cut short his trip to the UK, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin returned to an anxious, shaken nation on Wednesday. Addressing Israelis on television and radio soon after he arrived, he could have tried to restore public confidence by describing the challenges facing the country, and enumerating the means with which he intended to combat terrorism. More important, he could have called for the kind of resolve, determination and unity which Israel is known to possess in times of emergency. There is, after all, an almost complete consensus on the need to "root out Hamas and rip it apart," as President Ezer Weizman put it earlier that day.

Instead, Rabin delivered a rambling, repetitious, 35-minute harangue which must have embarrassed even his most ardent admirers. He blamed "the settlers" for diverting army forces which otherwise would be free to combat Hamas, and he blamed the opposition for attributing the dramatic increase in terrorism since the signing of the Oslo accords to his policies. He blamed the High Court of Justice for hampering the fight against Hamas, and the PLO for "not doing enough" to help in the battle against the terrorists.

And after blaming everyone, he astonishingly offered a solution for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict which, carried to its logical conclusion, is a euphemistic version of the late Meir Kahane's doctrine of "transfer."

The only way to solve the problem of terrorism, said Rabin, using a biblical tense, is to effect "and they shall part." The separation of Palestinians and Israelis will bring peace, he said. What makes the fight against terrorism so difficult is the mixing of the two peoples.

This must have come as a shock to all government spokesmen. They have been touting Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's lofty vision of a Middle Eastern Benelux in which Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian state will be part of borderless union. Now Rabin speaks of complete separation.

To make the suggestion even more absurd, Rabin kept harping on the fact that three out of the four kidnapers of the murdered soldier Nahshon Wachman were Jerusalemites. "We call them Israeli Arabs," he said with a palpable sneer in his voice, "but that's not what they call themselves." They came from united Jerusalem, he stressed, mocking the very notion that a city in which Arabs and Jews mix could be viable.

To make his intentions clearer, Rabin said that those who want "to swallow two million Palestinians - 800,000 in Gaza, a million in Judea and Samaria and 150,000 in united Jerusalem, will bring us the Hamas." True, he later repeated in passing the government's standard slogan about wanting a united Jerusalem, but he would obviously rather not have Israelis "mix" with the

150,000 Arabs of the city.

But even if Jerusalem is again divided, and Jews and Arabs are separated by an electronic Great Wall of China, there are still the 750,000 Israeli Arabs within the Green Line. They, too, call themselves Palestinians who happen to be Israeli citizens. And they, too, have produced Hamas killers who have murdered Israeli soldiers and helped in the lethal bombing of civilians. There is only one way to assure that they will be separated from Israeli Jews: by moving them across the border. In short - transfer.

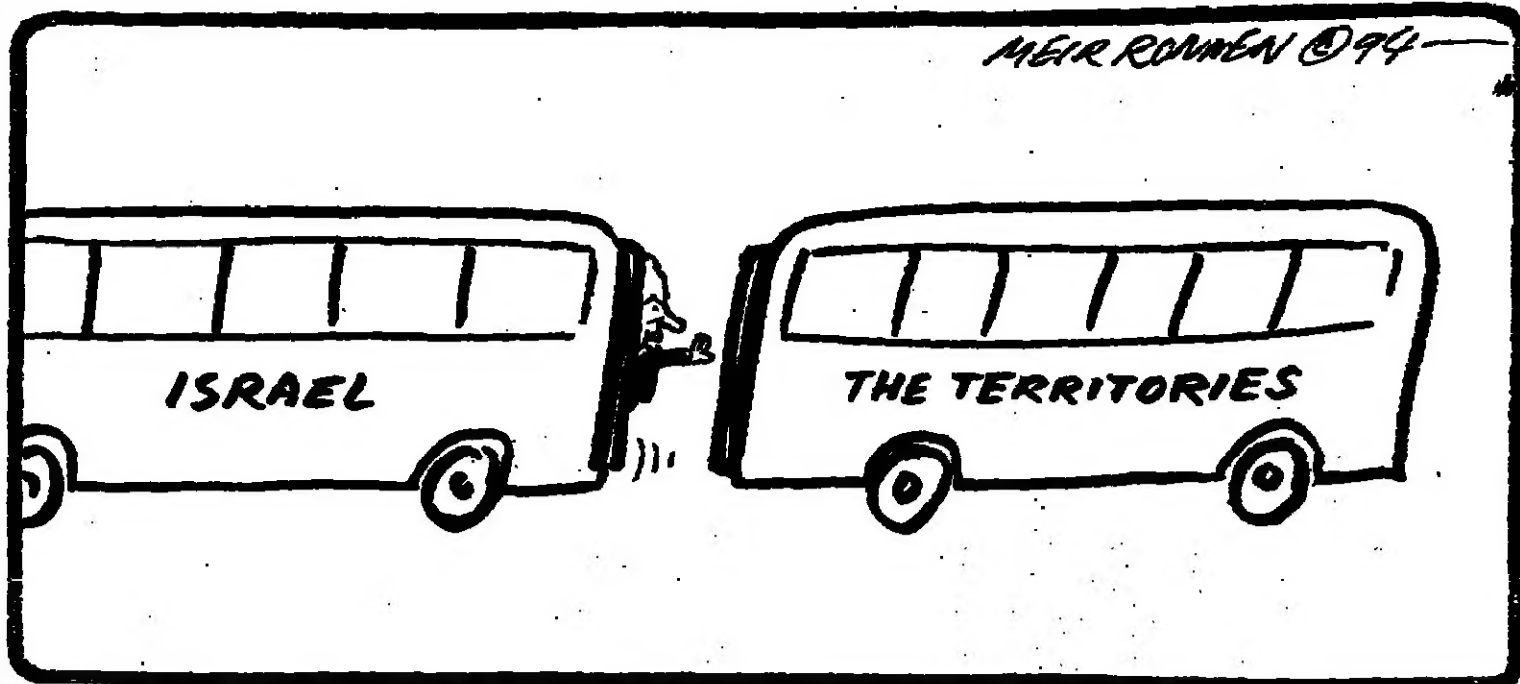
The notion is, of course, just as nonsensical when it is calmly presented by the prime minister as when it is shouted by fanatic Kahane supporters. Even if the two populations could be totally separated on ethnic lines, borders could not be hermetically sealed. Nor could Israel exist for long without contact with its neighbors. The whole purpose of peace is to open borders and allow the free movement of people and goods between countries. Advocating separation is tantamount to accepting a permanent state of siege, something Rabin is purportedly trying to prevent.

The simple fact is that the separation Rabin is really talking about, the withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, will neither make the Palestinians go away nor discourage the Hamas fanatics. On the contrary: Under Palestinian sovereignty they can increase their numbers dramatically overnight by bringing in countless "refugees." The choice is not between separation and mixing. It is between granting autonomy to the Palestinian inhabitants of Judea and Samaria under some kind of Israeli control, and granting them "self-determination" under PLO and Hamas control. To assume that the latter will bring about the defeat of terrorism is to dream the impossible dream.

Perhaps Rabin's lapse can be attributed to the frustration and rage the Tel Aviv bombing must have induced. In a calmer moment, he will undoubtedly conclude that the "mixing" he so dreads is the only way to bring real peace to the land. "Fortress Israel," in which only Jews live and into which only licensed Arabs can enter, is hardly the Zionist dream.

What should be avoided, particularly as long as the PLO rules Gaza and the Palestinian security services roam freely in Judea and Samaria, is the movement of masses of Arab laborers from the territories to Israel. The solution to this is the importation of foreign labor. If yesterday's cabinet decision to extend the licenses of foreign workers now in the country and to issue permits for 15,000 new workers is any indication, the government seems finally to understand this.

The government should be congratulated for this belated awakening. It shows the kind of good sense that Rabin's speech sorely lacked.



A strategy for talking to Assad

YOSSI OLMERT

ALL THE polls indicate that a clear majority of the country objects to the complete surrender of the Golan Heights to Syria. Yet it is equally plain that the government is determined to pursue the current negotiations and sign a peace treaty based on the formula of full withdrawal for full peace.

Confronted with a stark choice, the public will make its decision primarily on the basis of security, rather than sentimental, historical or religious considerations. Our security strategy in the talks and upcoming treaty ought to be based on a fundamental principle and four operational requirements.

The principle is: there is no symmetry between Israeli and Syrian security concerns.

Syria was the aggressor in the war of 1948-9, and from then until 1967. Syrian aggression was largely responsible for the June 1967 war, which culminated in their complete defeat. The Syrians were also the aggressors in the 1973 war, and contrary to what Farouk Shara said on Israel Television, the Syrian army continually and deliberately attacked Israeli citizens along the border.

Moreover, Syria has no external enemies in a state of war with it. Iraq and Turkey aren't Syria's best

friends, but neither has ever engaged in actual hostilities with Damascus. Consequently, Syria will face no significant, credible outside threat once it signs a peace treaty with Israel.

Israel, on the other hand, is still

AT THE same time, it has to insist on four crucial requirements.

First, the Syrian army is too large, and has to be reduced. The figures are really astonishing: 450,000 troops; huge numbers of artillery units; 12 full-fledged ar-

It would be absurd to agree that Syria's security concerns are equal to Israel's

in a state of war with a number of Arab states, and remains subject to the jihad challenge posed by Iran. The impending peace treaty with Jordan makes no difference in this respect, since Jordan has not been actively hostile since 1970.

In the emerging deal with Syria, Israel is required to give up a tangible asset, land, whereas Syria is only required to apply the normal, accepted standards of neighborly, peaceful coexistence.

It follows, therefore, that Israel is entitled - in fact obliged - to extract the maximum security concessions in return for any land ceded.

mored, mechanized, and infantry divisions; 36 commando battalions, directly accountable to the Syrian high command; and a large and advanced air force and a very impressive ground-to-air defense system.

The Syrian army is big and getting bigger, whereas the IDF, mainly due to financial constraints, has shrunk steadily over recent years.

Secondly, Syria has to eliminate its huge arsenal of sophisticated Scud-C ground-to-ground missiles, and all its chemical warheads. These weapons are directly poised against Israeli targets, and should not be there if peace is to prevail.

Israel's dovish cabinet will probably insist on these demands, since during the Gulf war, when we were under Iraqi missile attack, many of its members said that long-range missiles mean land is no longer vital to Israel's defense.

Thirdly, there can be no equal and symmetrical demilitarization of the Golan and Galilee, as Syria is demanding. The aggressor should pay the price for its past deeds and agree to a unilateral demilitarization from Damascus all the way to the border.

Finally, Mt. Hermon is essential to Israel's security. Israel must maintain a noncombative intelligence station there for a period extending beyond the time span of any Israeli withdrawal.

If all these conditions are met, there may be no need for a significant American troop presence on the Golan, as the government has suggested. The idea of a massive American presence is not popular in the US, and is likely to undermine Israel's image as a country capable of defending itself.

Security is the name of the game in the Golan. Is it really understood in Jerusalem?

The writer, a former head of the Government Press Office, is an expert on Syria.

A plunge into 'the dismal swamp'

ALLAN SHAPIRO

THE HIGH Court has passed the point of no return in its increasing involvement in hot political issues.

Whatever it decides on the validity of Yitzhak Rabin's coalition agreement with Shas, the court's very agreement to take up the case is an important landmark.

The major issue with regard to the coalition deal is Rabin's promise to support legislation to reverse court decisions that change the status quo in matters of religion. After the 1988 election, there was a court challenge to the proposed coalition agreement, which also dealt with the religious status quo. Then, the High Court opted to stay out of the picture.

Times change, as do judicial attitudes. In 1988, the Likud negotiated a coalition agreement with the religious bloc involving the explosive "Who is a Jew?" issue. The parties agreed to amend the Law of Return, nullifying earlier High Court decisions.

The court refused to issue the show-cause order it recently granted in regard to the agreement with Shas. It brushed aside the petition with words that seem no less relevant today than they were then: "It is sufficient if we note that the settled rule that this court does not prevent the presentation of proposed laws, intended to begin the legislative process of the Knesset. And if we don't prevent the commencement of the legislative process, it goes without saying that we won't interfere in an agreement between parliamentary bodies

with regard to the opening of this process."

There was not even a ripple of reaction to this decision (H.C. 787/88). It was so unexceptional that it went unnoticed. Of the three justices who participated, only one still sits on the court - Deputy President Aharon Barak, who is also involved in the pending dispute over the coalition agreement with Shas.

United States. Our Supreme Court often cites the judicial decisions of Louis Brandeis, Hugo Black and Earl Warren, although all three would be disqualified from serving on the Israeli bench because of their political pasts.

On the other hand, advancing lower-court judges to the Supreme Court could be counterproductive. Their largely nonpublic law experience is not directly relevant to the challenges facing the nation's

Is the makeup of the High Court suitable for its new political role?

Subjecting coalition agreements to public scrutiny is certainly a welcome development. However, by agreeing to adjudicate a political deal, the court has taken on a new role. Having taken the plunge into the dismal swamp, as the political arena has been called by some legal commentators, is the present makeup and organization of the court adequate to the task?

IT NO LONGER makes sense, for example, to exclude suitable candidates from appointment to the court simply because of prior political activity.

Broad experience in public life would be a positive asset on the bench, as has been the case in the

highest court in its new political role. Some of the failures of Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair and his predecessor, Yosef Harish, may be due to the limitations of their previous experience as District Court judges.

The process of selecting justices itself may require overhauling. Ruling on the validity of coalition agreements, or any other sort of constitutional adjudication, involves value judgments on fundamental issues. An apolitical, professional system of judicial appointment cannot conceal the significant political consequences of choices for high judicial office.

Consideration should be given to a change in the composition of

the judicial appointments committee by giving added weight to the representatives of the government and the Knesset. A confirmation procedure before the appropriate Knesset committee, along the American model, might also be in order. The legal philosophy of appointments and their self-perception of the role of the court are legitimate subjects of public examination.

One possibility worth examining is a reorganization of the Supreme Court. The High Court of Justice, which would be charged with all constitutional and public law cases, would become a fixed panel. Its members would be separately chosen, giving weight to relevant criteria, such as prior experience in the public arena. The selection process for High Court justices, different from that for other Supreme Court justices, would permit the measure of public scrutiny and exposure consistent with their judicial role.

Such a reorganization would solve another problem. The High Court would sit with its full membership in all cases, rather than in shifting panels as at present. Decisions, then, would not depend on the chance composition of the tribunal or a discretionary determination by the court's president.

When the function of a public institution changes, its structure must change as well. The Supreme Court is no exception.

The writer is a legal and political commentator.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SHARA INTERVIEW

Sir, - I refer to Ehud Ya'ari's historic interview with Farouk Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, on Israel TV, Friday, October 7. Besides Ya'ari's usual groveling during an interview, he neglected to ask Shara some important questions, including:

Israel is being asked to make an enormous sacrifice. What would Syria be sacrificing?

When will an Israeli be able to address the Syrian TV audience without censorship or editing?

If there were a peace treaty between Israel and Syria, would Syria remove its troops from Lebanon?

Ya'ari responded to Shara's words as if he were a tape recorder. It's okay to ask hard questions. It's okay to point out inaccuracies in the interviewee's words. If Shara had not liked it, that would have been his problem.

For instance, Shara accused Israel of initiating aggression in the area, by taking Arab lands. He needed to be reminded that the land he referred to had been under Jewish control before and far longer than it was under Arab control, and that Jews always have lived here. Besides, the Koran itself says that God gave the Holy Land to the Jews.

Shara was wrong, intentionally or not, when he said that Israel harmed Syrian civilians, while Syria never harmed Israeli civilians. But Ya'ari simply let the statement stand.

And the most ridiculous moment of Ya'ari's interview was his question, "How soon will Israelis be able to visit Palmyra?" Even Shara's eyes popped at that.

Jerusalem.

US ELECTIONS

Sir, - We would like to remind all 15 citizens in Israel to be sure and exercise their right to franchise by voting in the November 8 Congressional races. We, together with some of our colleagues in Democrats abroad in other countries, worked and to attain and reform the voting rights for Americans abroad. Remember, every vote counts. In some of the very close races, we abroad can make the difference in the outcome.

While we urge you to vote and vote our conscience, there are some candidates who have consistently been sworn to support Israel and have done good work for the benefit of all Americans. They have done so

even at times when their vote was not the popular thing and at their own political risk. We urge you to support their candidacy for the US Senate seat in their state. Among these we ask you to return are the following incumbents: Senators Dianne Feinstein (D) CA; Edward M. Kennedy (D) MA; Frank Lautenberg (D) NJ; Joseph Lieberman (D) CT; Daniel P. Moynihan (D) NY; Paul Sarbanes (D) MD; Jim Sasser (D) TN; and Harris Wofford (D) PA. All of these are in very tight races.

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Tel Aviv. DAVID KATZ

HITCHHIKING TEST

Sir, - Dr. Yacov Tabak (Letters, October 16), suggests that all those fishing to hitchhike should ask the occupants of the car before entering it (simple question or two relating to Jewish tradition or practice).

Petah Tikva. STANLEY LEVIN

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Budget has been a problem for years now. Why does Israel Radio still refuse to accept or seek donations from its listeners? It would be an unpardonable crime to shut down such a worthy service without allowing its loyal listeners to pitch in to cover the shortfall.

Jerusalem. IVAN CIMENT

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

CHARADE

Sir, - Hooray, well, thank goodness that's over, we have been put out of our misery. Will he (they)? Won't he (they)? Now we know.

Mr. Rabin has achieved his dream and he can now resign with good grace. I wonder what he feels about the fact that the arch-murderer has been named his partner and equal in the Nobel Peace Prize charade.

It will interesting to see what Mr. Rabin does with the money. Will he donate it to the "Victims of Arab Terror"? What will Yasser Arafat do with the money? Donate it to Hamas?

We commemorate of course with Mr. Peres who, together with the tail that wagged the dog, really and truly was the architect of this new round of "Peace in our time" (where have I heard that phrase before?) and has had to take a back seat. Still, no doubt, as the rabbis say, his reward (and the reward of the tail) will be in heaven.

Jerusalem. YEKUTIEL BARRETTI

POSTSCRIPT

GREAT MOMENTS in art, or "art," compliments of Chuck Shepherd's News of the Weird column in Washington City Paper:

● Ron Athey stunned a museum audience in Minneapolis by piercing parts of his body, slicing into the back of an accomplice, wiping the blood on towels, and passing them on a clothesline over the onlookers.

What's the point, you ask. Well, Athey has AIDS and he was directing his show at the AIDS-phobic society. He claimed there was no risk to the audience members from his infected blood.

● The Esbjerg Art Museum in Copenhagen featured an exhibit of six decomposing, beheaded pigs and a mirror covered in pig's blood - less than eight meters from the museum's restaurant. The perpetrator, German sculptor Christian Lemmerz, said: "This is art that makes people think. They must take a stand on their own existence and face the reality of what happens to their bodies after death."

● With \$4,000 funding from the Rockefeller Foundation, three artists selected 70 cows in Wyoming and painted feminist poetry on their hides.

This may seem totally mystify-

ing to you, until you hear the eloquent explanation by "artist" Sue Thomont: "Cows are great, and so are women. Their lives are about self-sacrifice and motherhood."

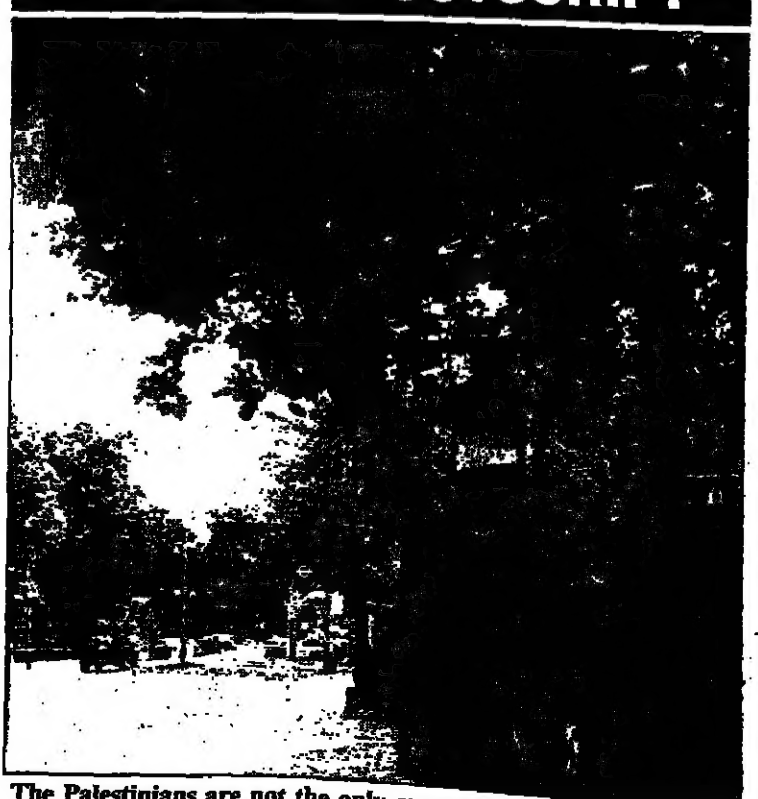
THE AUSTRALIAN telephone company sounds like one of the world's kindest bureaucracies. A cat in Brisbane ran up a large bill by knocking a telephone receiver off its cradle and then hitting the redial button. But the cat's owner did not have to pay the bill because the telephone company's ombudsman ruled that communications laws did not provide for animals making calls.

MAN BITES DOG - and dies: Robert Puelo stole a hot dog from a convenience store in St. Louis, and choked to death when he tried to eat it.

Puelo, 32, had several pieces of hot dog lodged in his throat when police were called to try to revive him after he collapsed outside a 7-Eleven store.

Investigators said Puelo and another man had entered the store and created a disturbance. When a clerk threatened to call police he stuffed a hot dog he had grabbed into his mouth and bolted from the store.

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



The Palestinians are not the only ones with a claim to the West Bank, as Jerusalemite David Aminoff discovered in London. (David Aminoff)

After the bus bombing in Tel Aviv

An easier life for Arafat

Generous hearts

ARIEL SHARON

JON SIMONS

FOUR days ago, at the Netzarim Junction, south of Gaza, hundreds of Hamas men stoned an army post. The soldiers, members of an elite IDF brigade, received an order from above: abandon the place and withdraw toward Netzarim.

In the retreat, they left behind military equipment which included an IDF code map and smoke and tear-gas grenades. Encouraged by their victory, the Hamas men threw the grenades at the retreating soldiers, and burned an Israeli flag which had also been left behind.

After the incident, I met a young officer from the same battalion. "I don't know what to say to my men," he said. The soldiers themselves seemed embarrassed, ashamed, sad-eyed. They did not retreat because of pressure or danger. They were obeying an order whose code name means: "Don't make things difficult for Arafat."

Three days ago, the Palestinian Authority in Gaza announced that yet another

They keep saying: "Arafat won't fight Hamas. He wants Hamas as a political partner."

Not surprisingly, government spokesmen, particularly the premier himself, have started explaining the purported difference between Hamas's two wings. The struggle, they say, should be directed at Hamas's military arm alone. Thus Rabin has surrendered to both Arafat and Hamas.

The government is pursuing its course as if nothing has happened, going on with the "process," totally ignoring the security situation.

The government has got us out of Gaza. But, doubly dangerous, it has brought Gaza into Tel Aviv. But it has an excuse: "The more firmly the peace process takes hold, the worse terrorism will get, and the more Jewish victims there will be. But we shall not let the enemies of peace achieve their goal — undermining the peace process — and that is why we shall continue the process, regardless of terror."

IT IS a false argument. But if we accept it for a moment, we must ask: Why then doesn't the government take serious action against these "enemies of peace"? If Israeli TV crews are to interview armed Hamas units in training, how come elite IDF units can't get to them?

In the eyes of this government, "making things easier" for Arafat seems more important than protecting Jewish lives.

When our leaders say only Arafat can save us, they are, distorting the situation, creating dangerous illusions among the public, and sweeping the security forces along with them.

The government, fearing its own demise, is incapable of admitting mistakes. It forges ahead at any price. That price is our lives.

The situation has reached the point where measures like closing off the territories and putting up a security fence, detaining members of Hamas and closing down the PLO's Jerusalem offices are no longer enough. We need more.

An "emergency cabinet" comprising the best and most experienced people must be set up for a defined period, with a single aim: liquidating terrorism.

The process with the Palestinians must be stopped until the Palestinian Authority completely eliminates all wings of the Hamas and other terrorist groups.

Israel must immediately regain its freedom of action against terrorism in the autonomous areas. This wouldn't be a return to Gaza, but the ability to enter and strike when necessary.

Another path in the political process must be found. The present course has failed. Arafat hasn't kept his end of the deal.

The real enemy of peace is this government's policy. If it cannot take these steps, it must resign. Now.

The writer is a Likud MK.

It is a valiant people which refuses to be daunted by the pitiless enemies of peace, enemies increasingly desperate to sabotage the process which gains ground by the day. Our nerve must not fail us in face of the frantic efforts to defeat the common cause of peace.

The deaths and injuries which Israelis have borne, in Afula, Hadera, Jerusalem and Tel Aviv as the peace process intensifies are not the price of peace. They are, as the prime minister has rightly said, the price of war, a war which has not yet ended. Peace has no price: it is, as King Hussein said, a situation in which everybody wins.

To halt the process now would mean a higher price, while forgoing the rewards of peace. But the process is yet to become peace, particularly with the Palestinians. So the key question remains how to reach our goal.

IT WILL not help to listen to the political parasites of terror, those who build their careers on false promises that if only we give them enough power, they will eradicate terrorism. They would indeed kill terrorists; but they would terrorize people, who would be provoked to violence. The cycle of repres-

We mustn't listen to the political parasites of terror

sion and assault would never end.

Nor is it wise to make the continuation of the process conditional on the Palestinian Authority doing what the Israeli security forces were unable to do before the Gaza-Jericho First agreement: crush the military wing of Hamas.

The answer lies not in the sword, but in the hearts and minds of the Palestinians.

We must thus quell the will for vengeance, and temper frustration with fortitude and foresight.

Outrage dictates that we punish the Palestinians, holding them collectively responsible for the acts of a few. But outrage will not lower the price of war.

Only peace agreements which both sides believe to be just are worth working for, rather than agreements which the strong can browbeat the weak into accepting, as occurred in Cairo.

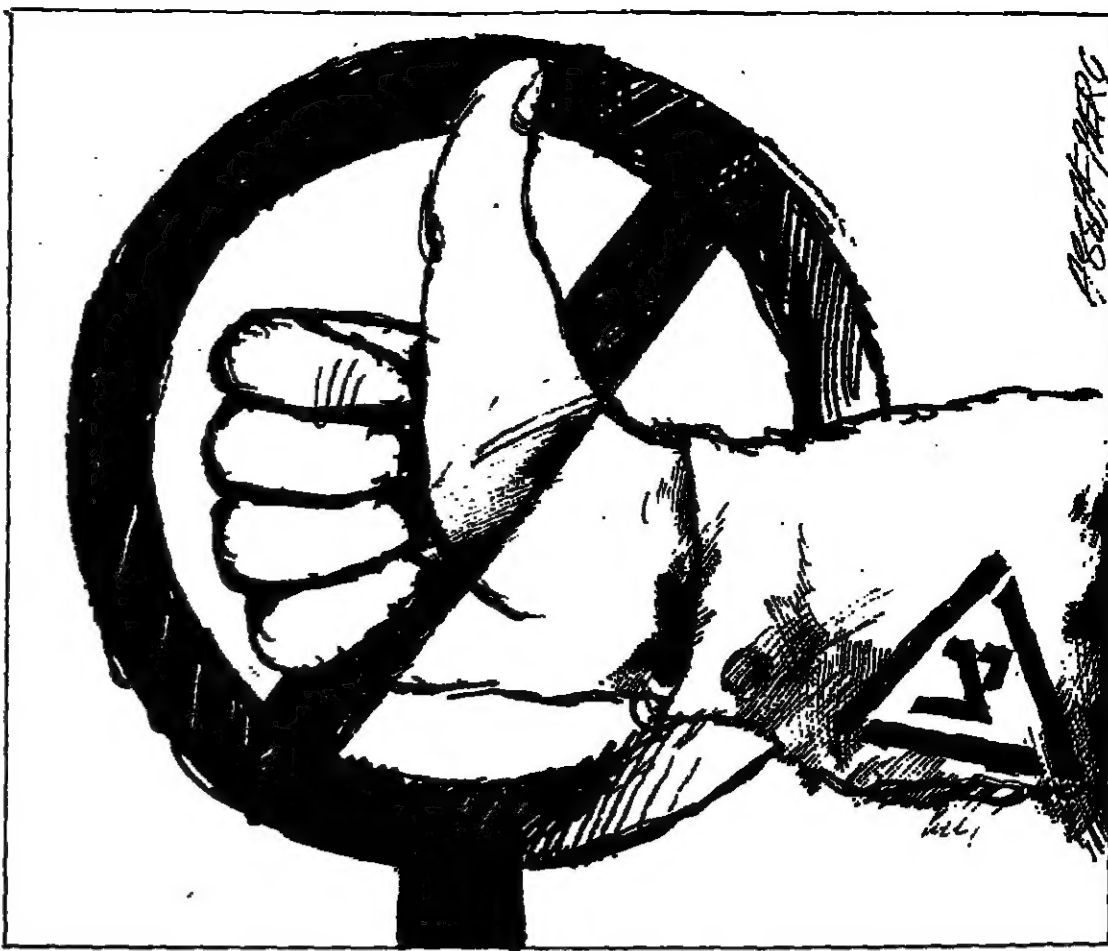
Generosity can hasten the birth of peace. So, in spite of our anger and grief, Palestinian prisoners should be released, free and open elections for the Palestinian Authority should be held as soon as possible, and more real control over the land, water and lives of the Palestinians should be transferred to the authority.

Peace can only come with the will of the Palestinian people, including the many supporters of Hamas, not in spite of them.

Formidable strength and valor are demanded of us today. We must not falter at this most grievous hour, while the tears still flow, wounds are still open and the smell of fresh earth still rises from so many graves.

In spite of the heavy price of war and to reap the harvest of peace, we must be bold as we press on toward peace. We are a brave people, and we deserve peace.

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'A ride? Sure, get in...'

GABRIEL BEN-DOR

solutions to the problem of transporting soldiers to and from their camps and bases.

FOR SOME reason, our army, unlike other forces around the world, has refused to accept responsibility for the safe transport of its soldiers.

The time has come to dump a dangerous relic of the pre-state era: hitchhiking

In most other countries, soldiers get leave much more infrequently than they do here. But when they do get leave, the military makes sure to transport them to urban centers near their homes, where orderly public transport is available. In our army, soldiers can often be seen leaving their bases at all times and on all days of the week — one by one, or in small groups. They then disperse all over the highway, trying to get home as quickly and cheaply as they can. In the light of current realities, this situation is intolerable.

The army authorities have taken partial steps to remedy the situation. The government has decided to allow male soldiers the same privilege as women soldiers: free rides on selected Egged and Dan bus routes. But clearly, that isn't good enough.

Guidelines do exist on how to hitchhike. The soldier, and to accept rides only in cars where the

driver is on his own. But anyone who uses our roads can testify that these guidelines are often ignored by multitudes of tired and harassed soldiers. And Hamas members are sophisticated enough to offer soldiers rides without those guidelines and get away with their murderous designs.

We may soon get to the point where Hamas sends its people out disguised as soldiers in order to hijack civilian or military cars or trucks. It has been all too successful in lulling soldiers into a false sense of security by sending out cars driven by kippa-wearing terrorists pretending to be observant Jews.

In parts of the Southwestern US, hitchhiking has been made a criminal offense. A total hitchhiking ban here would remove a significant source of danger.

It is high time for our huge military establishment, costing billions every year, to invest a little more in subsidizing free rides for soldiers on public transport and in making sure that soldiers on leave are taken to the nearest major urban center in military cars and trucks.

Too costly? How much did the ill-fated attempt to free Nahshon Wachsmann cost? And even if providing orderly transport does cost money, isn't it worth the saving in human life, the most precious asset the State of Israel possesses?

Let us do away with our soldiers' need to hitchhike, and hand out traffic tickets to those who ask for rides, as well as those who offer them.

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Our leaders worry about everyone except the people who put them in power

group of Hamas men, detained after the murder of Nahshon Wachsmann, had been released. The Palestinians understood all too well Israel's signal that things should be "made easier" for Arafat, that he should be placated. That is why a distinction between the "political Hamas" and the "military Hamas" is being made. This, despite warnings long ago from Israel's intelligence services that Hamas's military arm gets everything it needs through the movement's political arm.

On the same day that the Hamas men were released, Prime Minister Rabin initiated a peace agreement with Jordan. Israel didn't demand outlawing terror organizations in Jordan, of which Hamas is one.

A Hamas spokesman appeared on Jordan television the day of the Tel Aviv bus explosion, praising the deed. The government is obviously concerned about King Hussein's difficulties, too.

This government is worried about everyone — except the nation which voted for it, whose security it abandoned long ago.

And now Tel Aviv has witnessed the worst disaster in its history.

Ever since Oslo, Israel's entire intelligence community has been warning that terrorism would continue, even increase. They stress that Yasser Arafat himself has an interest that terrorism should increase in areas he doesn't control, especially Jerusalem and the center of the country.

Hamas won't die a natural death

ALON BEN-MEIR

Hamas's terror attack in downtown Jerusalem, its kidnapping and murder of soldier Nahshon Wachsmann and Wednesday's bus bombing in the heart of Tel Aviv raise a number of daunting issues about the prospects for the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Both Israel and the PLO must address the real challenge that Hamas poses and tackle it directly and decisively.

It is a mistake to think that Hamas is a bunch of disorganized hoodlums with no strategy and no agenda. Hamas wants to achieve power. The only way it remains politically relevant is by challenging the PLO's authority: and by defying Israel.

Throughout the Israeli-PLO negotiations in connection with the Palestinian elections, Israel has insisted that no Palestinian group that opposes the Israeli-PLO agreement participate in the election.

Though the Israeli demand seems justifiable on the face of it, it is hardly consistent with either democratic principles or the future of Israeli-Palestinian relations.

The Rabin government cannot possibly exclude any of the Israeli opposition political parties from the electoral process simply because they oppose the Israeli-PLO agreement. By what logic then can they bar Hamas? Unlike the Israeli political parties, the rationale goes, Hamas is a violent organiza-

tion bent on undermining the peace. It has therefore forfeited its right to be a part of the democratic process.

The problem here is that Hamas isn't going to die a natural death. Yes, Hamas's violent acts must be met with stiff and immediate countermeasures by Israel, but in particular by the Palestinian Authority.

Its violence must be countered, but its grievances addressed too

PLO leaders cannot afford to do less if they want to strengthen their waning authority in the eyes of Israel and those Palestinians who support the peace. But cracking down on Hamas will not, by itself, resolve the long-term problem.

Many thousands of Hamas's members have legitimate grievances. They have been at best ignored by the PLO. They are not participating in any of the newly developing social and economic institutions, and thousands of their comrades are still languishing in Israeli jails. Their growing political power and numbers warrant more deliberate attention. A policy of both the carrot and the

stick should be applied simultaneously.

ISRAEL AND the PLO must use this spate of Hamas terror as the catalyst for new approaches. They must resist Hamas's violence, but tolerate its political opposition to the peace process. Hamas's leaders should be made to realize that relinquishing violence would open

the door to their political participation.

Under the same conditions, Israel could release, in stages, many of Hamas's prisoners, in particular Hamas's founder, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, who beseeched Wachsmann's captors not to kill him. Such a unilateral step by Israel could change the whole complexity of the Israel-Hamas conflict.

This wouldn't be appeasement, but a realistic assessment of changing conditions and the need to articulate a new strategy. It would be no less daring than the opening of a dialogue with the

PLO more than two years ago.

Only a fool would think Israel was acting out of weakness. Hamas knows that it cannot destroy Israel; it also knows that the only way to legitimacy is through the political process that Israel must recognize.

The problem is that both Israel and the PLO fear Hamas may gain further political notoriety through democratic election. But what is the alternative?

Suppose Hamas wins a majority in a Palestinian election. It will have to either honor the Israel-PLO agreement and continue with the peace process, or continue its violence, facing the prospect of losing whatever the PLO has gained and possible destruction.

The answer to Hamas will not be found by delaying the Palestinian election, denying Hamas the right to participate in the political process, or systematic persecution.

Those Israelis and Palestinians who nurture the faint hope that a dramatic improvement in the Palestinians' socioeconomic conditions will in time render Hamas irrelevant are misreading the movement's real political pulse.

The writer is professor of international relations at New York University. He writes regularly on international problems with a focus on the Middle East.

I think of Marina

HELEN KAYE

have ordered the flags lowered to half mast. Someone

Her ears wouldn't stop ringing from the blast

should have decreed a day of national mourning.

Someone? Our leaders. Yitzhak Rabin or President Weizman or

Chief Rabbi Lau.

Let us mourn. As a people. As a nation.

Our Law is very wise. It allows seven days for mourning, for standing beside the bereaved, for sustaining them with our presence, for gathering the resources we will need to respond once again to life.

Let us grieve, for grief is also a kind of healing. We need to take the time to think, not blame, so we may act wisely, act and not react. Not march. Not howl like wolves at the moon. This is a time for reflection.

So Marina can heal. So we can heal. So we can go on.

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'Free trade pact with Jordan will hurt exports' Paz deal has the looks of a good one

THE Finance Ministry's plans to rapidly sign a free trade agreement with Jordan comes at the expense of industrialists and exporters. Yoram Belizovsky, managing director of the Manufacturers Association, charged yesterday.

Belizovsky reacted to the position the Ministry of Finance is taking in ongoing negotiations with Jordan on the free trade agreement.

The manufacturers claim the Finance Ministry is willing to make major concessions to Jordan on major issues related to industry and exports because of the country's political situation and the economic gaps between the two countries.

Belizovsky said Israel's exposure to other countries like Turkey, Poland, Hungary and Canada are likely to suffer as a result of the Finance Ministry's compromises. He urged the Finance Ministry to adopt the Industry and Trade Ministry's principles in negotiations to reach free trade agreements.

Belizovsky said the Industry and Trade Ministry's proposal for a free trade agreement between Israel and Jordan is based on mutual principles which are not harmful to Jordanian industry.

GALIT LIPKIS BECK and JOSE ROSENFELD

The ministry proposes to subject exports from Jordan to Israel to low customs, even in fields which are harmful to local industry.

According to Belizovsky, the Finance Ministry regards Israel's exposure to exports as an instrument for fighting inflation instead of as a lever to encourage trade with Israel.

A Treasury official said that Belizovsky was conducting a rear-guard action on behalf of Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish, who called last week for mutuality in a trade agreement with Jordan, even though the sides have already agreed on a differential approach which will allow the kingdom to gradually open its market to Israeli exports.

Treasury officials pointed out that the trade proposals agreed by both sides were drafted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade, and that Harish was attacking his own proposal. An official interpreted Harish's outburst as an effort to assert his control over the negotiations.

Shortly after the Peres-Majalini-Christopher meeting off the Jordanian Dead Sea shore last July.

Israel and Jordan agreed to pursue a non-discriminatory trade policy. Under the proposal, Israel would grant Jordan the same status as a country which has not signed a trade agreement with Israel, a Most Favored Nation (MFN) trade status. Taking into account the fact that Jordan's economy is not as developed as Israel's, the kingdom would be given a certain period by which time they would have to open their market to Israeli goods.

Under that arrangement, Israeli exports will face higher tariffs than Jordanian exports. However, given the non-discriminatory nature of trade, Israeli goods will not be subject to higher tariffs than other countries' goods exported to the kingdom.

The sides still have to agree how long a transition period Jordan will be granted until Israeli exports are given the same treatment as Jordanian exports. Jordan's original proposal was a period of 10 to 15 years, which Israel rejected as too long.

A Treasury official criticized Harish's calling for equal treatment, saying that a trade agreement with Jordan is essential to the country's economic integration in the region.

COMMENT

NEIL COHEN

THE deal announced this week whereby an investor group led by Claridge and the Renaissance Fund will buy into Paz looks like a sweet one, unless a setback in the peace process turns it sour.

Paz brings to the deal a strong franchise that has 40% of the local energy market. It encompasses 220 gas stations, businesses in lubricants, aviation fuels, liquid petroleum gas and asphalt, and non-energy assets. Beyond deep pockets, its new partners bring a wealth of connections. The Bronfmans, who control Claridge, also control chemicals giant Du Pont, and through it the Conoco oil company.

The logic of the deal seems to be that Paz's new partners, who say that they will passively in terms of management but active in helping to develop the business, will bring it enhanced buying power and hence higher margins, as well as access to new products to shunt through Paz's existing distribution network.

Mizrahi sale woes

THE government just doesn't have very much luck in its attempts to sell United Mizrahi Bank. First the sale to Gad Ze'evi is nixed by the Bank of Israel. The latest attempt is plagued by delays; contenders have dropped out for one reason or another. And then, when two would-be buyers finally step up to the plate, their bids are too low for the government's liking. And to top it all there are allegations of misuse of inside information surrounding the sale of the bank.

To recap, allegations were made this week that the Ofer-Wertheim group bought informa-

tion from former *Globe* journalist Doron Rozenzweig. Rozenzweig claims that the information related to alleged tax irregularities in which the bank was involved.

At this point, the allegations are unproven; however, Ofer has been indicted on charges of tax fraud and was a major shareholder in the failed insurance company Hassneh. The Supreme Court ruled that these last two should not disqualify Ofer from being part of a group that wins control of the bank as he has committed not to involve himself in the management of the bank.

How enforceable a commitment this is not clear. The responsibilities of owning a bank are very serious ones and the country's history is littered with nasty episodes. The Bank of Israel should think very, very carefully about where it goes from here.

And the government might want to reconsider the idea of spinning off Bank Tefahot, before selling Mizrahi.

IBM

IT is darkest, they say, is before the dawn. So it is with businesses. They deteriorate, upsetting investors. Their stock price skids. Sometimes, there is no recovery. But when there is, it can be stunning and the markets are rarely prepared. Few would have given much chance to the US auto industry's prospects a couple of years ago. Anyone who did (Kirk Kerkorian, for one) is sitting very pretty indeed. Will we see IBM at \$150 again? Who knows? But, if yesterday's results are anything to go by, much stranger things have happened.

Israelis traveling to Jordan can now buy foreign currency

JOSE ROSENFELD

THE Bank of Israel yesterday announced changes in foreign currency regulations which will enable Israelis crossing the Jordanian border to purchase their foreign currency travel allotment.

Under current regulations, residents traveling abroad are required to produce flight or cruise tickets in order to be able to receive up to \$3,000 in foreign currency from the bank for their trip. Only those traveling to Egypt by ground are entitled to the full foreign currency travel allowance. By contrast, those crossing at Taba will still only be able to take out NIS 4,000-worth of foreign currency, while those traveling to Sinai will only be allowed to withdraw up to \$150.

Residents traveling to Jordan will have to present their bank with either a travel agent's certification that they have purchased a ticket for an organized trip by ground or an entry visa.

The change is to become effective on Sunday.

Next month, the foreign currency travel allowance will be raised to \$7,000.

IBM posts surprising \$689m. profit

ARMONK, N.Y. (Reuters) - IBM, enjoying healthy revenue gains in most of its markets, said yesterday it earned \$689 million for the third quarter, wiping out a year-long loss and surprising Wall Street analysts.

The profit, equal to \$1.18 a share, compared with a loss of \$7m., or 15 cents a share, in the 1993 period.

IBM said its revenues climbed 6 percent to \$15.4b., after adjusting for the sale of its Federal Systems unit, and were up in most

parts of the world. Revenues totaled \$14.2b. in the 1993 quarter.

IBM's third-quarter earnings were above Wall Street estimates, which ranged from 62 cents to \$1.30 a share.

IBM chairman and chief executive Louis Gerstner said the results were particularly gratifying, because in addition to margins stabilizing, revenues are rising in most parts of the world, with the exception of Latin America.

"Equally important, there is evidence that we are moving into the

second phase of the transformation of IBM," Gerstner said, adding that the first phase of IBM's turnaround focused on rebuilding the balance sheet and making its cost structure competitive.

European revenues were \$5.3b., up 13%. Asian revenues climbed 16% to \$2.8b and US revenues were up 3% to \$6b., after adjusting for the Federal Systems sale.

IBM's stock was unchanged at \$75.375 in early trading on the New York Stock Exchange after earlier climbing to \$76.125.

Elbit okays purchase of Diasonics Ultrasound

RACHEL NEIMAN

ELBIT's board of directors yesterday approved the purchase of California-based Diasonics Ultrasound and its eventual merger with Elbit. Elbit paid \$70 million to Diasonics shareholders, who received an additional sum from Diasonics.

"The sale is important to us because it complements Elbit's fields of activity in CT, MRI, and nuclear diagnostics," said Elbit president Emmanuel Gil. "In diagnostics, there is a worldwide service support and marketing network already in place."

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ATLANTA (AP) — A death threat against the wife of Kentucky football coach Bill Curry is only one indication of society's negative attitude toward college sports, other football coaches' wives said.

In interviews published in yesterday's *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, wives of coaches said they are disgusted with reactions toward their husbands, especially on talk shows.

"The callers on radio talk shows bother me," Carolyn Curry said. "They're not accountable to anyone in what they say."

The Monday after Kentucky was beaten 41-14 by Auburn for its fourth straight loss, secretaries in the school's football offices found the death threat against Carolyn Curry when they checked answering machine messages.

Barbara Dooley, wife of Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, has a similar dislike of radio shows.

"The radio talk shows are brutal," she said. "I have listened very rarely. That talk show in Atlanta is the meanest, ugliest, most insensitive group I've ever heard."

Curry said she is angry because she will never feel safe again. "I haven't been able to get it off my mind," she said. "I guess I'm

going to be more reclusive. I love to walk three or four miles each day. I don't know if I'm going to be able to do that anymore."

Some wives said they no longer sit in the stands because of negative comments they have heard about their husbands.

"Clemson was a hard place for me," said Sandy Hatfield, wife of Ken Hatfield, a former Clemson coach and now coach at Rice. "It was difficult for me to hear bad things they said about Ken. They were unjustified, negative, ugly, personal, vicious remarks. One time, I turned around to a guy and said, 'You happen to be talking about the man I love.'"

Curry also said she no longer feels comfortable in the stands. "I haven't sat in the stands since we left Georgia Tech (in 1986)," she said. "I sit in a box at home and I sit in the athletic director's box on the road. I didn't let the children sit outside either when they were young."

Stephanie Goff, wife of Georgia coach Ray Goff, said she still sits in the stands, but in a section with Georgia staffers.

"I hear hard stuff sometimes when I go down to see Ray (after a game)," she said. "It's hard to hear."

LONDON — Austria Vienna relied on defense in numbers and had a little luck from the goalpost as it gained a 0-0 tie with Chelsea yesterday in the second round of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Chelsea missed early chances in the first leg and then struggled to break down the Austrian team's well-drilled midfield and defense even though Austria had Manfred Schmid sent off in the 68th minute.

Early pressure by Chelsea almost brought a goal but Paul Furlong fired wide under pressure from five yards out and then headed just off target from a looping left wing center.

The home team was frequently frustrated by Austria's well-worked offside trap and created few chances during the rest of the half.

The visitor threatened rarely, however, although Christian Prosinek fired just wide from 25 yards after swapping passes with Schmid.

After the break, Chelsea full-back Eddie Newton moved up to shoot just side of the target and Furlong rifled a left-footed shot that shaved the crossbar.

Schmid, cautioned early in the game for a foul on the busy Dennis Wise, saw the red card for a clattering challenge that brought down the same player in the 68th minute.

Chelsea almost went ahead 12



HIT FROM BEHIND — Chelsea's Gavin Peacock is tackled by Thomas Fogel of Austria Vienna during their European Cup Winners' Cup match yesterday.

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Besiktas 2, Auxerre 2
Auxerre of France came back from two goals down to earn a valuable draw against Besiktas of Turkey on a rainy night in Istanbul.

The Turks appeared to be cruising to victory after they hit two goals in four minutes near the end of a first half which Besiktas had dominated with fast attacking football.

Striker Mehmet Ozdil put Besiktas in the lead in the 39th minute with a shot from six yards after a pass through

a crowded penalty box from Seren Yalcin.

Ermutur Saglam pounced on a defensive error by Dutchman Frank Verlaet to score the second with a left-foot strike in the 43rd minute.

In contrast to the first 45 minutes when they never seriously threatened, Auxerre attacked from the start of the second half to pull back Besiktas's lead with two rapid-fire goals in the 53rd and 58th minutes.

Algerian Moussa Saib poked the ball through the legs of Besiktas goalkeeper Sener Kurumulus for Auxerre's first.

Five minutes later Saib sent a long ball downfield to Corentin Martins who blasted the ball into the net over Kurumulus.

Saib almost put the French team in the lead in the 75th minute when he ran 30 yards towards goal in open space but Kurumulus blocked his shot with his feet. The ball bounced back to the Algerian who could not control it.

The result leaves Auxerre in the driving seat ahead of the second leg in France in two weeks time. (A.P. Reuter)

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In Rotterdam: Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 1, Werder Bremen (Germany) 0 (halftime 0-0). Score: Hendrik Larsson (63rd minute). Attendance: 25,000.
In Bruges: Club Brugge (Belgium) 1, Panathinaikos (Greece) 0 (halftime 1-0). Score: Lorenzo Staelens (4th minute-penalty). Attendance: 18,000.
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Hamelin AL rookie of the year

"It gave me quite a boost," Hamelin said. Helped by the winning string, the Royals closed within four games of the AL Central-leading White Sox when the strike started.

"I did spend quite a few years in the minor

It's Hockey Night in Europe?

signed with the Bruins, although his contract option with Cologne was valid until April 30, 1995. It is under this option that Cologne re-

Usery, who was appointed last Friday, said the next session will be in five to 10 days but he will speak with each side separately before then. Wednesday's meeting, attended by six players and 11 team representatives, was devoted to ground rules.

England captain Michael Atherton said he was disappointed at some questions from reporters after his team arrived in Perth on Wednesday.

Atherton had to field questions on the subject of sledging (the taunting of players on field), after being confronted by a newspaper article from last December in which he was quoted as criticising Australian all-rounder Stephen Waugh's "verbals" during the 1993 series.

England last held the Ashes in Australia in 1986 under the captaincy of Mike Gatting, again touring this time.

England faces a five-Test tour. The first starts in Brisbane on November 25 and the last in Perth on February 3.

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) - The Rupert Murdoch-owned Fox television network, which recently won rights to two major US sports leagues, has submitted a \$120 million bid for world rights to Wimbledon for the next four years, according to a published report.

American daily USA Today said yesterday that News Corporation executive David Evans presented the bid at a meeting in London with the All-England Tennis Club and International Management Group negotiator Mark

SOUTH African Barry Smudelson with 77 enjoys an eight-shot lead over Irishman Eddie Power and Israeli Neil Shochat, after the third round of the Israeli Open Amateur Championships finished yesterday at Caesarea.

In the women's event, the most interesting player was Eileen Rose Power from Ireland who shot a superb round of 73 and is 23 shots clear of second-place Karen Sheffrin from Great Britain. Trailing in third is Pans Cliteur from Holland. The local female contestant, Tamar Renassia has now moved into fourth place.

In the first round of the Sister Club Tournament, a combined stableford competition, the team of Gary Berman and Philip Galgut are leading with 69 stableford points, two ahead of Israeli Gil Perez and Hanoch Reichenberg. Finals of all competitions will be completed today.

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LONDON (Reuter) - Nottingham Forest, flourishing under the influence of strike pair Stan Collymore and Dutchman Brian Roy, is ready to step up its Premier League title challenge at the expense of ailing Aston Villa tomorrow.

Second-placed Forest is two points behind Newcastle - they are the only two teams still unbeaten in the league - and has ambitions to go top on a day when the leaders face a reviving Sheffield Wednesday team.

Forest's away assignment finds Villa enduring its worst league run under manager Ron Atkinson whose team had lost four consecutive games before securing a 1-1 home draw with Norwich last Saturday.

That would appear to make them vulnerable against a Forest side which has played with mounting conviction, confidence and success since it was promoted last May.

Forest, under previous manager Brian Clough, was noted for its fluent, passing game and that style has been sustained so impressively by his successor Frank Clark that it is above title-holder Manchester United and last season's runner-up Blackburn.

A key element of Forest's seven wins in 10 outings has been the success of Collymore, with seven goals in his nine league matches, and World Cup forward Roy, who has been given a relatively free

The pair may prove to be an irresistible force for a Villa side which had a punishing UEFA Cup game in Turkey on Tuesday when it lost 1-0 to a late goal by

Newcastle, too, returns to league action after a UEFA Cup clash with Athletic Bilbao in which it swept 3-0 ahead of the Spaniards but ended the first-leg meeting with a much less comfortable 3-2 winning margin.

Manager Kevin Keegan's team has set the early-season pace with eight wins in 10 league games, and is top scorer with 27 goals, but visitor Sheffield Wednesday can offer a sterner test than a few

Wednesday won just once in its first eight league matches but consecutive victories over Manchester United and Ipswich in the last two weekends have signaled a return to form.

Champions United, which salvaged a 2-2 tie against Barcelona in Wednesday's outstanding European Cup Champions' League confrontation, travels to Blackburn for a televised game on Sunday.

Third-placed Blackburn, whose first-round UEFA Cup exit has left it clearer to focus on the league, is five points off the pace and two ahead of fourth-placed United.

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Court asked to halt construction of police toilets near Machpela Cave

EVELYN GORDON

TOILETS should not be built for the police on the site outside the Machpela Cave where Jews are currently praying, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded yesterday.

The petition, by former Kach activist Noam Federman, also asks the court to issue an interim injunction against the construction work. "The erection of toilets near the place where Jews are praying today hurts the religious sensibilities of the worshippers, who will be compelled to pray with their faces towards the toilets Federman wrote.

The problem will not go away once Jews are permitted to enter the cave again, he said, because when the cave is crowded, *cohanim* and women often still pray in the outside yard.

The toilets will also create an unpleasant odor and spoil the view, Federman wrote.

Olmert to close Municipality's Arab Affairs Advisor's Office

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert has ordered the closure of the municipality's Arab Affairs Advisor's Office, which since 1967 served as the go-between for Jerusalem Arabs and many city and state authorities, municipal sources said.

Instead, Olmert wants municipal departments to deal directly with city Arabs, as they do other residents, the sources said.

During a 1995 budget meeting earlier this week, Olmert said the Arab Affairs Office would officially be closed by January 1, the sources said.

A city spokesman, however, said the closure would be more gradual, taking between one or two years. "We are talking about a large population and the mayor wants to ensure everything is in place before any changes are implemented," the spokesman said.

In July, Cheshin, retired, after being pressured to leave by Olmert. At the time, Cheshin said

the mayor was unrealistic about the municipality functioning without an Arab Affairs Office.

Beyond language problems - with many offices unable to cope with Arabic speakers - Jerusalem's Arab residents face special socio-economic problems that make it necessary for them to receive help in dealing with the authorities, Cheshin said.

The Arab Affairs Advisor's Office, with about 10 workers, continued to remain active even after Cheshin left. But in line with Olmert's new policy, they did less mediation work for Arab residents and instead concentrated on improving the municipality's relations with the Arab community.

"There was a great deal of confusion among Arab residents," said a senior city official. "Many departments would send Arab residents to us, like it used to be, while we were trying to encourage them to deal directly with the departments."

Murder suspect shocks court by confessing to soldier's killing

IN a sudden turn of events, one of the men on trial in the Beer-Sheva District Court for the murder last year of Cpl. Ilan Bastikar confessed to having committed the murder.

Following his confession, Ya'acov Shmuel, 27, was immediately sentenced to life imprisonment.

The trial of his alleged accomplice, Yehuda Assayag, 25, continues, although Shmuel, in his statement to the court, insisted Assayag was not involved.

Shmuel and Assayag were charged with strangling the soldier. Shmuel's neighbor, to death in Shmuel's Beer-Sheba apartment on September 5, 1993, so that they could take his army-issue Gilson rifle.

The soldier was at first reported missing, and it was only several weeks later that the two were arrested and said they had killed

Bastikar and thrown his body in a garbage bin. Despite extensive and repeated searches of the Dudaim garbage dump north of Beer-Sheba, Bastikar's body was never found.

The soldier's dog tags were found in Shmuel's building, the soldier's watch was found with Shmuel's girlfriend, and a Gaza man was arrested for possession of the rifle, which he insisted had been given to him by Shmuel for "safekeeping."

Despite their statements to police, they pleaded not guilty to the murder. But Assayag claimed during the trial that he had been working in a different neighborhood at the time the murder was committed.

The judges in the case agreed to hold a special hearing on Assayag's claim that his confession was extracted by police via "improper means."

(Itim)

Court increases sentence of father convicted of sexually abusing daughters

EVELYN GORDON

THE Supreme Court recently increased the sentence of a man accused of sexually abusing his two daughters by 50%, saying the original sentence would not have a sufficient deterrent effect.

The man was convicted of rape and sodomy last year in Haifa District Court, and sentenced to six years in prison plus three suspended. The state then appealed the leniency of the sentence.

Justices Aharon Barak, Mishael Cheshin and Tova Strasberg-Cohen ruled that despite certain mitigating factors, such as the man's lack of any previous convictions, these crimes were too serious for such a light sentence. Each of the five charges on which he was convicted, they noted, carries a maximum sentence of 25 years.

"The punishment imposed on him falls drastically short of what is appropriate," they wrote, stressing that punishment must serve as a deterrent.

However, they continued, since the court generally does not mete out "the full severity of the law" on appeals, they decided to only increase the sentence to nine years in prison and three suspended.



Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meets yesterday with the foreign minister of Burkina Faso, Ablasse Ouedraogo (right).

No charges planned against agency finance director

EVELYN GORDON

THE State Attorney's Office does not plan to press charges against Jewish Agency finance director Zvi Barak, the prosecutor in agency Chairman Simcha Dinitz's trial told Jerusalem District Court yesterday.

Dinitz is charged with fraud and breach of trust for allegedly billing the agency for some \$22,000 worth of personal expenses.

Dinitz's attorney, Uri Wagman, demanded to know the state's intentions with regard to Barak, since a witness does not have to answer questions that might incriminate him. Barak's answers, Wagman said, might be different if he knew he had nothing to fear.

"There is no intention of starting criminal proceedings against him," said prosecutor Shimon Dolan.

Dolan used the beginning of Barak's testimony to show that although Barak, like Dinitz, was one of four senior executives given an agency American Express card, unlike Dinitz, he filed regular reports of his expenses, clearly labeling which were work-related and which were private.

Barak said he considered it understood that this

was necessary so the agency would know how much to reimburse him.

But, he noted, "there were no written rules concerning the use of the American Express cards, because they weren't common practice."

Barak said preparing these reports took him about 10 minutes.

Most of the session, however, was taken up by the previous witness, Yitzhak Garbell, who was the chief accountant in the chairman's office.

Dolan used Garbell's testimony to try to show that, far from being someone who simply did not deal with finances, Dinitz was careful to keep records and file reports when it was to his benefit. He presented several cases in which Dinitz had filed reimbursement requests, complete with receipts, for sums of NIS 200-NIS 300.

During cross-examination, however, Wagman showed there were also many cases where Dinitz did not bother requesting reimbursement for small expenses, such as flowers or laundry.

Haredim plan big J'lem demo tonight

BILL HUTMAN
and HERB KEINON

A MASSIVE demonstration by Jerusalem haredim is slated for this evening during Shabbat eve prayers scheduled to be held there as part of the protest.

Some haredi leaders called for the demonstration to be postponed because of the Tel Aviv bus bombing. But organization of the protest was in too advanced a stage to do so, haredi sources said.

Protest organizers promised that the crowd will disperse by 7:30 p.m., and anti-riot policemen will be on hand if demonstrators disturb the peace, a police spokesman said.

Haredi activist Yehuda Meshi-Zehav said that over 50,000 people are expected to converge on Rehov Bar-Ilan to demand the road's closure on Shabbat.

The haredi community is holding the protest to pressure their political leaders on the City Council to force Mayor Ehud Olmert to agree to the road's closure, Meshi-Zehav said.

Development town mayors end nine-day strike

DAVID RUDGE

DEVELOPMENT town mayors yesterday ended their nine-day strike after an agreement was reached with the Treasury to help resolve the financial plight of their councils.

Two of the mayors, however, from Yavne and Rosh Ha'ayin said they would continue their protest because the agreement would not ease the problems in their towns, especially in the fields of education and welfare.

The mayors pitched a protest tent opposite the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem last week to press the government to honor promises to bail out the debt-ridden local authorities.

They charged that the 20 development towns had accumulated debts totaling over NIS 100 million and services were in danger of collapse. Workers in several towns including Safed and Tiberias also went on strike to protest the non-payment of their salaries.

Under the agreement reached yesterday, the regular and development budgets of the local authorities are to be increased. The

Treasury also agreed to compensate the municipalities for the increase in workers' wages, help them consolidate debts and provide special assistance to towns with severe financial problems.

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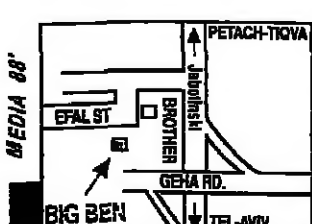
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